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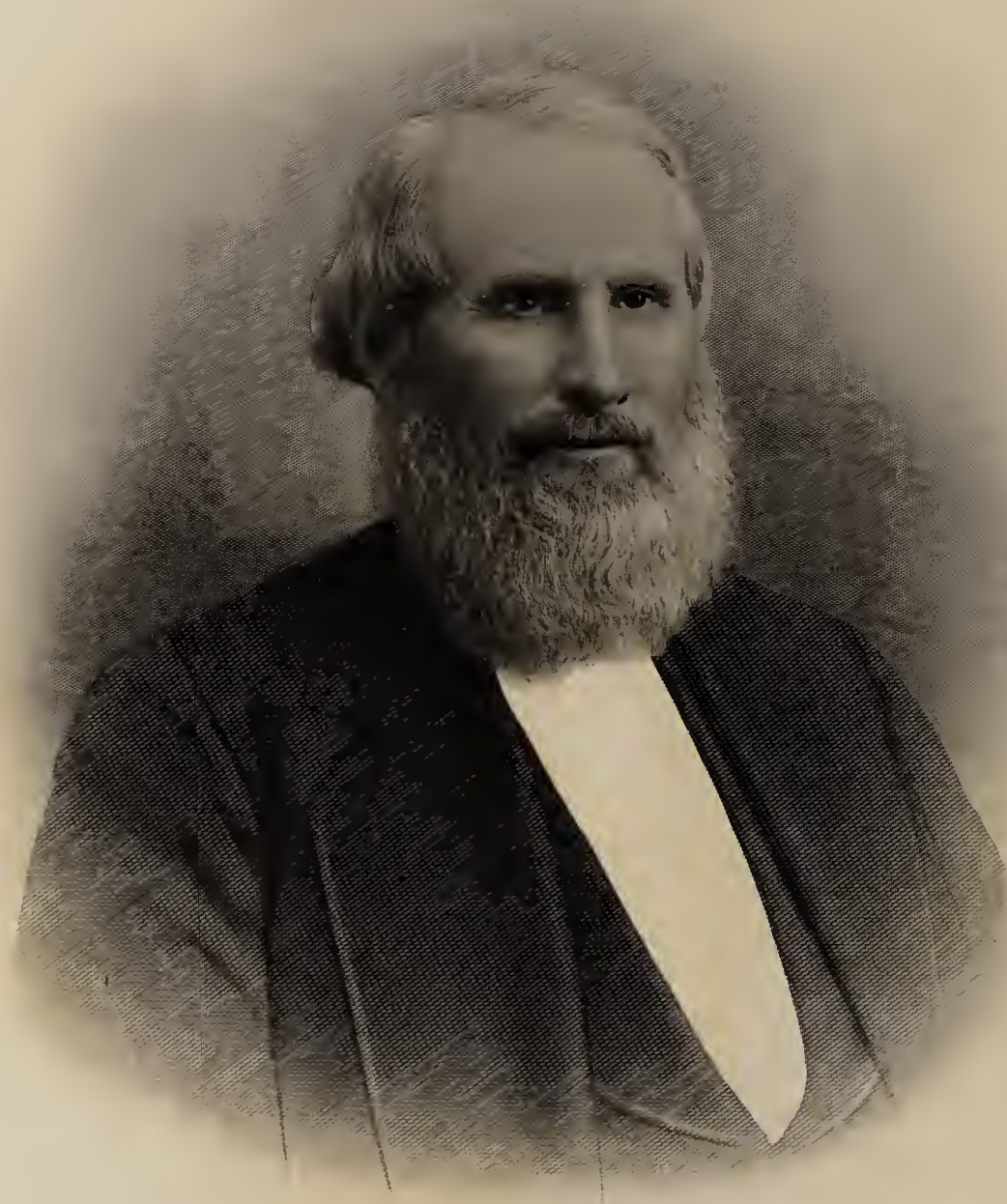
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CRITTENDEN H.C. ANDERSON

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CRITTENDEN HENRY CRAWFORD ANDERSON.

Probably no one of Macoupin county's pioneer citizens was more zealous or tireless in his efforts to promote the welfare of the community than the late Crittenden Henry Crawford Anderson, who owned extensive interests here and for fifty-six years was a prominent factor in the growth and development of various enterprises of Carlinville.

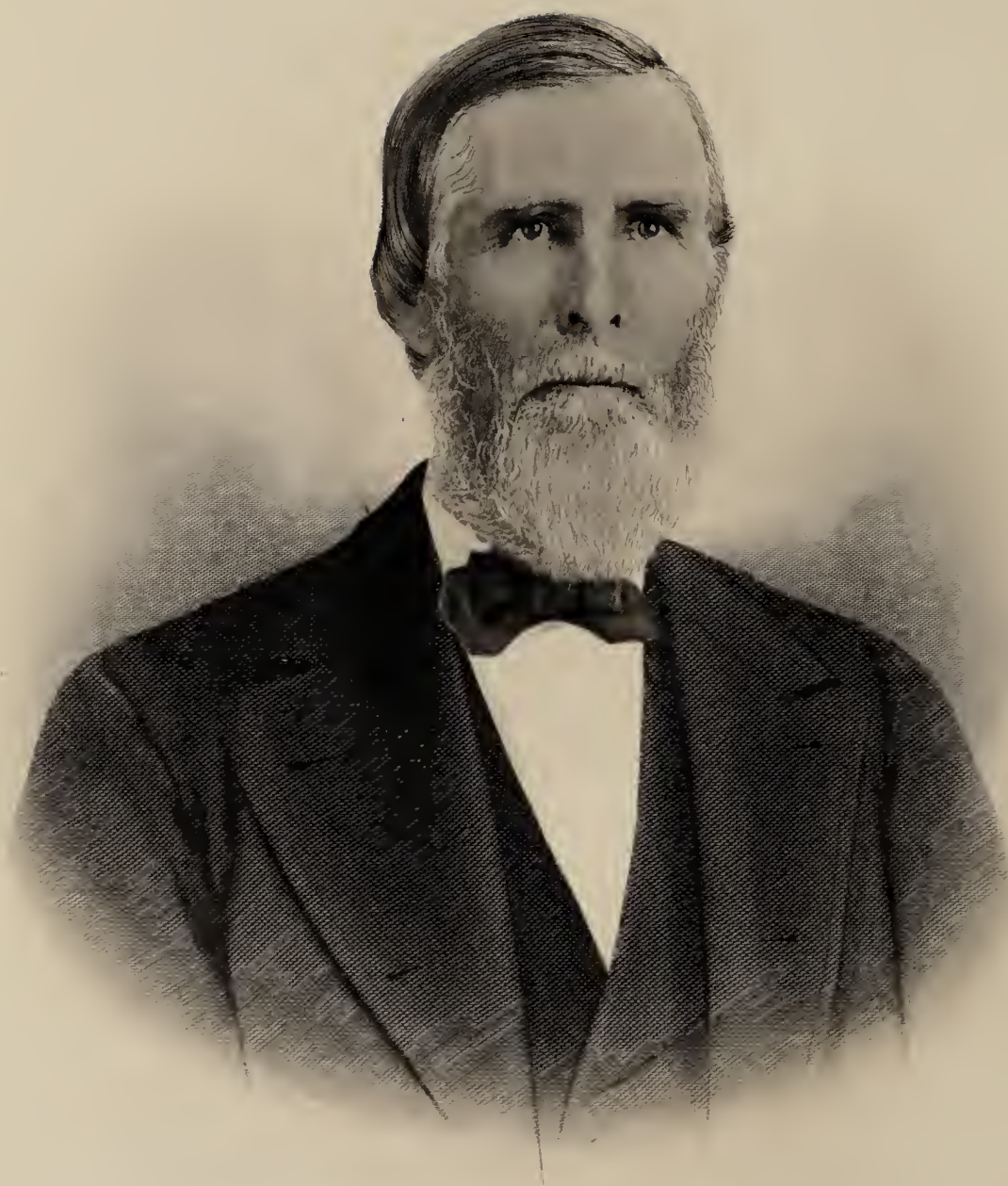
He was born in Christian county, Kentucky, seven miles from Hopkinville, on the 26th of January, 1819, being the eldest child in a family of eight. His parents were Colonel James Campbell and Ann (Harris) Anderson, the father a native of Louisa county and the mother of Augusta county, Virginia, but they were of Scotch and Irish extraction. In this family were four sons and four daughters, two of whom are still living, Henry Clay and Mary Ann, the latter the wife of W. C. Anderson. The father, who was a farmer, came to Macoupin county, Illinois, with his wife and family in 1834, settling at Anderson's Point, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. They arrived in Carlinville on the 27th of October, 1834, and the first night the entire family camped out, but they soon erected a log cabin on the east side of the square, on the site of the old postoffice, and there they spent their first winter in Illinois. The following spring the father entered four hundred acres of government land in Carlinville township, upon which he located, continuing its cultivation until he died in 1851 of cholera, which he and his wife and several relatives contracted, all dying within a few days.

Crittenden Henry Crawford Anderson was a youth of fifteen years when the family located in Macoupin county, and his education, begun in the schools of his native state, was completed at Cooley's high school in Carlinville. Upon him devolved much of the work of the farm, of which he had the entire management for about two years, becoming his father's business associate at the age of nineteen. In connection with the cultivation of their extensive fields they raised stock and bought and sold lands. In November, 1852, he left the old homestead, locating on a farm in the vicinity of the fair grounds, and he continued to devote his attention to agricultural pursuits until May, 1853, when he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Dr. R. W. Glass, and they opened the first exclusive drug store in Carlinville. It was located at the northwest corner of the square and was operated under the firm name of Anderson & Glass. In 1855 and 1856 Mr. Anderson erected a three story brick building on the east side of the square, known as the duplex building, this being the first three story building erected in the county. The lower floor was used for the drug store, while he and his family

occupied the second floor as a residence and the third floor was the Masonic hall. In 1860 he withdrew from business and returned to his farm, which he operated for eight years, and then opened an abstract and real-estate office in the Chestnut & Dubois building. After being identified with this for two years he opened a banking establishment under the name of the Henderson Loan & Real Estate association. He continued this in its corporate capacity until April 30, 1878, when he surrendered the charter of incorporation and organized the business as a private bank. The capital stock was increased from five to one hundred thousand dollars paid-up capital, the enterprise being conducted under the name of the Banking House of C. H. C. Anderson. It prospered in a manner entirely commensurate with the expectations of its founder, becoming one of the strongest financial institutions of the county and is still in a flourishing condition. Mr. Anderson was a man of unusual capabilities, possessing the foresight and sagacity which enabled him to recognize and utilize the opportunities presented to the best possible advantage. His success, however, was never achieved at the expense of honor or by means of taking undue advantage but was the result of those inherent qualities which enabled him to so intelligently direct and conserve his forces as to attain the best possible results. His banking institution had a reputation for integrity and honorable dealing that placed it above question, and as its head Mr. Anderson filled many positions of trust in the capacity of executor and administrator.

On the 20th of October, 1857, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jane Stratton, whose birth occurred seven miles south of Carlinville on the 22d of June, 1841, being the only child of Marshall H. and Rebecca (Blackburn) Stratton. Her father was a son of John Stratton, a native of Virginia, but of English extraction, who always devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. Two of his brothers participated in the war of 1812. Marshall H. Stratton was also a native of Virginia, his birth having there occurred on the 24th of January, 1813. Coming here in 1834, he was one of the pioneer settlers of Macoupin county, where he acquired large tracts of government land, having three hundred and eighty acres in his homestead in addition to other holdings. The last five years of his life were spent at the home of his daughter in Carlinville, where he passed away on the 13th of January, 1898. The mother of Mrs. Anderson was born in Pennsylvania on the 8th of May, 1816, her parents being Thomas and Betty (Bowen) Blackburn, both of English descent. Eight children were born of this marriage, all of whom are now deceased: Mary, who married Mr. Wisegarver; Ann, who became the wife of Mr. Ross; Rachel, who married Mr. Overstreet; Rebecca, who became Mrs. Stratton; and John, Elias, Anthony and Thomas. The father passed away in Pennsylvania, after which the mother removed to Illinois, living for four or five years in the vicinity of Carlinville. Later she removed farther west with two of her sons and they finally located in Utah, where they all died. Mrs. Stratton passed away in Carlinville on the 1st of June, 1875.

The only child of parents in comfortable circumstances, Mrs. Anderson was reared amidst unusually pleasant environment for pioneer times, passing her girlhood on her father's homestead in Brushy Mound township and acquiring her education at Monticello Seminary. By the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Ander-



MARSHALL H. STRATTON



MRS. MARSHALL H. STRATTON

son there were born three children, two of whom died in infancy. Effie, the only survivor, married Senator W. L. Mounts, and has become the mother of two sons and one daughter: Bruce Henry, Marion Evelyn and William Walter. They are also residents of Carlinville.

Mr. Anderson was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, with which his wife is still affiliated, and fraternally he belonged to the Masonic order, having for many years been treasurer of the local lodge. In matters politic he was originally a whig, having cast his first vote in 1840 for William Henry Harrison, but upon the disruption of the party he gave his allegiance to the democrats, to whose candidates and policy he was afterward most loyal. It is men such as Mr. Anderson who form the advance guard of civilization in all pioneer countries. Their dominating personality, unremitting energy and tenacity of purpose compelling their recognition as leaders in various communities. Mr. Anderson passed away over twenty years ago, his demise occurring on the 10th of January, 1890, but those industries and enterprises which he introduced and firmly established, despite apparently insurmountable obstacles, today stand as monuments to his ambition.

JUDSON P. ENSLOW.

A successful farmer, and also prominent in financial circles of Macoupin county, being cashier of the Bank of Atwater, Judson P. Enslow has gained an enviable reputation and is recognized as one of the most enterprising and progressive men of this section. He was born in Nilwood township, March 20, 1865, a son of David C. and Milby J. (Gibson) Enslow, both of whom were born in this state. The father came with his family to Macoupin county in 1865 and purchased two hundred and forty acres of land in Nilwood township, which he cleared and improved. He later acquired more land and became the owner of nine hundred and forty acres, becoming one of the prominent land owners of this section. He began his search for fortune by working as a farm hand by the month, and drove hogs from Jersey and Greene counties to St. Louis, often collecting as many as eight or nine hundred head of hogs in one drove. His active and useful career was closed by death in September, 1894. Mrs. Enslow still survives and makes her home at Pontiac, Illinois, being now seventy-five years of age.

Judson P. Enslow was a member of a family of eleven children, ten of whom are now living. He attended the district schools, but as he grew to manhood was not satisfied with the limited training afforded in the country schoolhouse and, therefore, went to Valparaiso, Indiana, and carried his studies further in the noted college at that place. After returning home he worked as a farm hand for about six months, but he is not of a nature to remain long in a subordinate position and he rented four hundred acres, which he cultivated to excellent advantage for five years. He then rented a farm of three hundred acres and, after two years' additional experience, purchased one hundred and sixty-five acres in Shaws Point township, which he has improved until it is one of the highly productive properties of this region.

In 1904 he associated with O. B. Cain, John M. Wagner, W. A. Trout and Charles P. Brown in the organization of the Bank of Atwater and was elected cashier, a position which he has since held to the satisfaction of the stockholders and of all who have business to transact at the bank. He still retains his farm, which is cultivated under his direction, and his industry and good judgment are meeting with well-earned reward.

In January, 1893, Mr. Enslow was married to Miss Martha Ellen Trout, a daughter of E. D. and America (Anderson) Trout, both of whom were born in Kentucky. They removed to Missouri and about 1865 came to Macoupin county. Mr. Trout purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Shaws Point township, which proved a lucrative investment. Here he continued until his death in 1901. His wife passed away eight years later, in 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Enslow are the parents of six children, four of whom survive, namely: Leon J., who is thirteen years of age; Edward A., aged eleven years; Homer D., aged eight years; and Ada Lucille, six years of age. Ralph Harold died in 1896 and Milby is also deceased.

In politics Mr. Enslow gives his support to the democratic party. He takes an active interest in public affairs and filled the office of supervisor of the township in 1891, also serving as county commissioner in 1908. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order. He is not connected with any religious denomination, but his wife holds membership in the Christian church. From his boyhood he has been remarkably energetic and efficient in all his undertakings, showing an interest in his work, and an ability in carrying out plans, which are important elements in the attainment of all worthy objects. He is a representative of a class of men who never lose faith in their power to meet and overcome difficulties, and who are natural leaders wherever they may be found. His friends have great faith in his continued advancement to larger responsibilities as the years pass.

WILLIAM HENRY DEWS.

William Henry Dews, widely and prominently known throughout this district in connection with his agricultural and financial interests, is one of Macoupin county's native sons, his birth occurring in Western Mound township, March 20, 1852, his parents being John and Sylvia (Morris) Dews. The paternal grandparents, Thomas and Mary Dews, were natives of Yorkshire, England, where the family had been established many generations ago, coming to that country originally from France. There Thomas Dews engaged in agricultural pursuits and there his son, John Dews, the father of our subject, was born, in the village of Helaugh, on the 15th of September, 1806. In 1829 he crossed the Atlantic to America, but returned to his native country for a short visit soon afterward. Upon again coming to this country in 1831 he located first at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained three years, after which he came to Macoupin county, in 1834, and located upon government land in Western Mound township. He was a farmer by occupation and continued to engage in that line of activity throughout

his active career. That he was successful in his undertaking is indicated by the fact that at the time of his death he was the owner of fifteen hundred acres of land and was numbered among the extensive land owners and successful business men of this locality. He had three brothers who also sought a home in this country, namely: William, a farmer, who passed away in Cincinnati, Ohio; Robert, who also engaged in agricultural pursuits in Macoupin county and died about 1853, during the cholera epidemic; and George, a Methodist minister, who passed away in Greene county, Illinois. John Dews married Sylvia Morris, who was born on the 8th of June, 1819, near Thornmore Inn, Lincolnshire, England, a daughter of John and Ann (Sexty) Morris. Her father, a son of John and Mary Morris, was born in England on the 17th of June, 1792, and in his native country was married, on the 1st of May, 1815, to Ann Sexty, who was born May 4, 1794, a daughter of Richard and Rebecca Sexty, natives of the parish of Thorn, Yorkshire, England. John Morris came with his family to America in 1830, and here established his home in Chesterfield township, Macoupin county, Illinois, where he took up government land. In his family were eleven children, namely: Hiram Sexty, born April 15, 1816, a sailor who was lost at sea; Eric, born September 13, 1817; Sylvia, the mother of our subject; Felix, born February 25, 1821; Ann, born September 8, 1823; Mary, born May 6, 1825; Elizabeth, born January 18, 1827; Robert, who died in infancy; Rebecca, who also passed away in infancy; John, born January 25, 1832; and Adelaide, born June 1, 1834. Unto John and Sylvia (Morris) Dews were born nine children, of whom three died in infancy, the others being: Eliza, the deceased wife of Charles Towse, of Chesterfield; Mary Francis, the widow of Bethel Towse, residing in Sterling, Kansas; Elizabeth Ann, who married John Dams, of Chesterfield; Hannah, the wife of Benson Weisner, of Greene county, Illinois; William Henry, of this review; and Abiah S., who married James W. Hall, of Chesterfield, mentioned elsewhere in this history.

William Henry Dews, whose name introduces this sketch, was educated in the public schools of this county and during the period of his boyhood and youth, when not busy with his text-books, he assisted his father in the work of the home farm, thus gaining comprehensive experience and thorough knowledge concerning the best methods of carrying on agriculture. In 1894 he became identified with general merchandising in Chesterfield, Illinois, and was therewith connected until 1900, when he sold his stock and withdrew from mercantile interests. In that year he organized the Bank of Chesterfield, of which he became president, and he has since remained the executive head of that institution, which is one of the well known and popular moneyed concerns in the county. Throughout this entire period, however, he maintained a deep interest in agricultural pursuits and now divides his attention between his financial and farming enterprises. From time to time he has added to his holdings until today he is the owner of eleven hundred acres of farm land, all in one body, equipped with fine buildings and constituting one of the best improved and valuable properties of Macoupin county. At one time he also had heavy live-stock interests, being one of the first to introduce fine blooded Hereford cattle into this section, and was recognized throughout this district as a breeder of high grade stock. In the management of both branches of his affairs he manifested much executive ability, keen sagacity

and clear judgment, and is rightly classed among the most prosperous and successful residents of his part of the state.

Mr. Dews was married, on the 18th of August, 1892, to Miss Hattie Belle Kidd, of Virden, Macoupin county, a daughter of Simon James and Martha E. (Evans) Kidd. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Dews were Benjamin and Hannah (Reese) Kidd, natives of Virginia, who came to Macoupin county early in the year 1830, and here the mother passed away when her son Simon was eight years of age. The father, a farmer by occupation, died in 1878, in southern Illinois. In their family were ten children, of whom three passed away in early childhood, Simon James Kidd being the ninth in order of birth. The others were as follows: Mary Ann, the deceased wife of Jackson Barr, of Kansas; John W., of Litchfield, Illinois; Isaac R., deceased; Sarah, the deceased wife of James W. Henderson, of Barrs Store, Illinois; Thomas, who died in Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1880; and Lizzie, who has also passed away. Simon James Kidd, who was born on the 10th of March, 1848, had an interesting military record, enlisting for service in the Civil war when only fifteen years of age. He became a private of the Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, joining his regiment at Vicksburg, and from the very first saw much active service. He participated in all of the important engagements of his command and was with Sherman during the latter's Atlanta campaign. He was captured while on detached duty, and held at the prison at Andersonville for a period of six months, or until the close of the war. Throughout the entire period of his service he was loyal to the cause for which the Union was struggling, whether stationed on the lonely picket line or in the midst of the fight, and never, throughout his service, did his courage wane nor his loyalty falter. He was married, on the 27th of December, 1868, to Martha E. Evans, a daughter of William and Louisiana (Noble) Evans, who were the parents of six children, namely: Belle, the wife of Clifford Roland, of Farmersville, Illinois; Martha E., the wife of Mr. Kidd; Catharine, the widow of Joseph Beard, of St. Elmo, Illinois; Albert Evans, of Paumee, Illinois; Benjamin Evans, residing at Virden, and Hattie, who married C. L. Davidson, of Virden. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Simon James Kidd were born six children, as follows: Hattie Belle, the deceased wife of William Henry Dews, of this review; William and Albert, both of Portland, Oregon; Mary, residing in Chesterfield; Richard, also of Portland; and James E., of Virden. Unto William Henry Dews and Hattie Belle Kidd were born three children: John Dale, born December 7, 1894; Olive, who passed away in infancy; and William Simon, whose birth occurred on the 23d of February, 1901. March 3, 1901, Mrs. Dews passed away at Chesterfield.

Mr. Dews is well known to the fraternal circles of this community as a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and the Knights of Pythias, while his religious faith is that of the Episcopal church, of whom he is now serving as vestryman. He gives stalwart allegiance to the republican party and for some time served as justice of peace. His fellow citizens manifested their appreciation of his ability and worth by electing him to the office of mayor of Chesterfield, and while incumbent in that office he instituted many needed reforms and improvements, chief among the latter being the laying of cement walks throughout the village. His efforts have ever been closely allied with those of the community in which he resides and his efforts have been effective forces in promoting progress

and advancing the general welfare in this portion of the county. The family occupies a foremost position in the social circles of Chesterfield, and Mr. Dews is popular with a large circle of friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

EDWARD P. KIMBALL.

For over a quarter of a century Edward P. Kimball has been editor of the Virden Record and in period of service is the oldest editor in Macoupin county. He has spent the principal years of his life in the newspaper business and it is highly to his credit that his paper ranks as one of the most influential in this section of the state. He belongs to a well known and highly respected family and was born at Carlinville, January 20, 1861, a son of H. M. and Fannie (Palmer) Kimball. The mother is the second daughter of Rev. Elihu Palmer, a brother of the late Hon. John M. Palmer, who served as governor of the state of Illinois and also as member of the United States senate.

The father of our subject was a well known newspaper editor. He came to Carlinville about 1856 and took charge of the Carlinville Democrat when the paper was about six months old, developing it into one of the representative publications of the state. He died at Carlinville after arriving at the age of seventy-three years. His widow is still living and makes her home with her children. She has traveled extensively and has visited the principal points of Europe and the United States. There were seven children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Kimball. Edward P., the eldest, is the subject of this review. Mabel is the wife of A. R. Urion, who is general attorney for Armour & Company, of Chicago, and served for several years as president of the school board of Chicago. Florence is the wife of William A. Boring, who was born in Carlinville in 1859 and for twenty years past has been located in New York city as an architect. He is a member of the firm of Boring & Tilton and drew the plans for the United States emigrant station on Ellis island, for the building of the University of Southern California, and for many other important structures in this country. His father, John M. Boring, erected the public-school building at Carlinville. Gordon, the fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Kimball, died when about two years old. Ruth is the widow of Cornelius Gardiner, a well known Washington newspaper correspondent. She was the first woman ever admitted to the press gallery in the national house of representatives and is the author of books and short stories which have been extensively read. David H. is general claim agent of the Great Northern Railway with offices at St. Paul, Minnesota. Francis died in his youth.

Mr. Kimball of this sketch received his preliminary education in the public schools and later became a student of Blackburn University at Carlinville. At the age of twenty he took charge of the Reporter at Virden, which he conducted for one year for David & Company and then purchased the paper, operating it for a year on his own account. Having sold out, he went with his father to Rockford, Illinois, and was for several months identified with the Journal. He spent a summer in Dakota and one year in St. Louis, Missouri, returning in 1885 to

Virden where he purchased a half-interest in the Record. Two years later he became sole proprietor of the paper and has since been its editor. Under his efficient management the circulation and influence of the paper have been largely extended, and he is now the owner of one of the valuable newspaper plants in the state. He is a clear and convincing writer and, by his advocacy of the advantages of this section, he has greatly promoted the welfare and permanent interests of Macoupin county.

On February 22, 1882, Mr. Kimball was married to Miss Lela Brittian, a daughter of Theodore H. and Elizabeth (Lumsden) Brittian, who were the parents of two children, her brother dying in infancy. The mother was a second time married, becoming the wife of W. A. Jackson; she died in March, 1900. One child, Edna Elizabeth, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kimball. She is now the wife of James J. Woodman, of Virden.

Politically Mr. Kimball has from the time of reaching manhood voted and persistently labored in behalf of the democratic party. He served as third assistant clerk in the lower house of the Illinois legislature in 1891, and in 1893 was first assistant secretary of the state senate. He filled the office of postmaster of Virden under President Cleveland's second administration, 1896-1900. Fraternally he is well known, being a valued member of the Masonic order, and also of the Knights of Pythias and Woodmen. His religious belief is indicated by membership in the Presbyterian church. Ever true to his convictions of justice and honor, he has contributed his share toward the upbuilding of Macoupin county and is recognized today as one of its most respected citizens.

ALFRED SMITH MAYFIELD.

Although more than forty years have elapsed since Alfred Smith Mayfield passed away he made too deep an impress on the business and public life of Carlinville to be entirely forgotten. His birth occurred in Montgomery, Alabama, on the 2d of July, 1832, his parents being Manning and Martha (Smith) Mayfield. In their family were seven children, three of whom died in infancy, and those who attained maturity were: Alfred S., our subject; Manning, who died in California; Pulaski G., of St. Joseph, Missouri; and Luke, who was killed in the Civil war. The father, Manning Mayfield, was reared in the south, where, after the completion of his education, he followed the vocation of teaching. He was one of the pioneer merchants of Montgomery county, Illinois, having for some years successfully conducted a store in Zanesville, but removed to Metropolis, Illinois, about the time of the breaking out of the Civil war. His demise occurred in the vicinity of Carbondale, when he was out riding, having been killed, supposedly, for his money. He was about sixty at the time of his death. He was a son of Luke and a grandson of Stephen Mayfield. The family is of English descent and its members have always been well educated. The mother of our subject died when quite young.

Alfred Smith Mayfield was a very small lad when his parents removed from their southern home to Illinois, in whose schools he acquired his education.



Alfred S. Mayfield

At the age of sixteen he began teaching, his first school being in Morgan county, Illinois. When he had attained manhood he became associated with his father in the mercantile business in Zanesville, whence he removed to Girard in 1853. While a resident of the latter place he was elected to the office of circuit clerk of Macoupin county and was serving his second term at the time of his demise, which occurred in 1868 when he was in his thirty-seventh year.

On the 3d of August, 1854, Mr. Mayfield was united in marriage to Miss Louan Davis, a daughter of Elijah and Catherine (Miller) Davis. She survived her husband for many years, remaining faithful to his memory, and died in 1907, at the age of seventy-three years. There were six children born to them, namely: Albert Le Roy; Webster Davis; Nellie Pocahontas, the wife of William Reid; Mattie Lou, the wife of W. R. Hulse; Luke, who died in infancy; and Alfredo Lilly, the wife of Bertie M. Burke. All are residents of Carlinville.

Elijah Davis, the father of Mrs. Mayfield, was one of the pioneer settlers of Macoupin county and a native of Virginia, from which state he removed to Kentucky and later came to Illinois. Here he engaged in farming, making his home in Shaws Point township, and was regarded as one of the leading citizens and prosperous farmers of his community.

In 1852 Mr. Mayfield was initiated into the Masonic order, joining Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, from which he was subsequently demitted for the purpose of forming a lodge at Girard, of which he became a charter member. He also took the degrees of the Royal Arch chapter and was a member of the Odd Fellows for a number of years. Although still a young man at the time of his death, he had already become one of the prominent and influential citizens of the county. He made an excellent record both as a business man and public official, his reliability and integrity being above question, while personally he was held in the highest regard by a host of warm friends.

MICHAEL BOWMAN.

A life of wisely directed activity generally yields gratifying returns and the experience of Michael Bowman has been in accordance with the rule indicated. He has never been afraid to work and, as he was blessed with a good constitution and a laudable ambition to accomplish worthy aims, he is now the owner of one of the valuable farms of Macoupin county. He was born in Western Mound township, July 14, 1875, a son of Hardin and Anna (Quinn) Bowman. The father was also born in this county and is now living in Western Mound township, where he has spent his entire life. The mother is a native of Ireland and is also living. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman were the parents of nine children: Edward, deceased; Michael, of this review; William Lawrence, who resides in Western Mound township; John, of Greene county, Illinois; Ella, deceased; Rose, who married Leo Robinson, of Hagaman; and Mamie, Philip and Eli, all of whom are at home.

After securing his preliminary education in the district schools of Western Mound township, Michael Bowman gave his attention to the cultivation of the

home farm, continuing under the parental roof until twenty-three years of age. He then began farming on his own account on his father's place and, after two years, having acquired the necessary capital, he purchased land in his own name in Western Mound township and is now the owner of two hundred and seventy acres. The land was partly improved when he assumed possession, but he has remodeled all the old buildings upon the farm and erected new ones, also making many other improvements which have added largely to its value. His attention has been concentrated upon farming ever since his early boyhood, and he has shown an interest and ability in his calling which have produced very satisfactory results. His methods are practical and his well directed labors are rewarded with abundant harvests.

On the 2d of November, 1898, Mr. Bowman was married to Miss Anna Shea, a native of Grafton, Illinois, and to this union six children have been born: Raymond, Florence, Marie, Henry and Vincent, all of whom are at home; and Mildred, deceased.

Mr. Bowman has never given much time to politics, but he votes the democratic ticket and is a sincere believer in the principles of his party. A man of business rather than theory, he has applied himself to good purpose, and his neighbors recognize that his judgment is to be relied upon in all matters pertaining to agriculture or stock-raising. He is a stanch friend of education and is now serving as school director, a position he has occupied for six years. He is a policy holder of the Bankers Life Insurance Company. He and his wife are consistent members of the Catholic church, to which he is a liberal contributor. As a result of early self-denial and years of patient labor he now enjoys the blessings of home and the friendship of the people of the entire community.

WILLIS D. P. WARREN.

Willis D. P. Warren, county surveyor of Macoupin county and prominently known in Illinois as a civil engineer of demonstrated ability, is a native of Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, born December 19, 1882. At the age of eight years he became a resident of Texas and after securing a common school education in the Denton high school, from which he was graduated in 1899, he became a student in the engineering department of the University of Texas. He was graduated from that institution in 1906 with the degree of C. E. He was made a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity while at the university and was one of the organizers of the famous "Hickey Club."

In 1902 and 1903 Mr. Warren assisted in the location and construction of railways in Texas, Indian Territory, Arkansas and Illinois, thus receiving an introduction to a line of work for which he has shown special talent. He was appointed resident engineer of the Illinois Traction System in 1905 and placed in charge of railroad construction work south of Bloomington. In July of the year following he took charge of the construction work of the system west of Bloomington and acted as resident engineer on eighteen miles of line, also having charge of the construction of two subways in Bloomington, under the Chicago

& Alton and Lake Erie & Western Railways respectively. In 1907 he was engineer on heavy construction work between Lincoln and Mackinaw and was in charge of the construction of two subways at Mackinaw and of the overhead crossing near Minier.

From April, 1908, to April, 1910, Mr. Warren was located at Gillespie, Macoupin county, as chief engineer of the Superior Coal Company, having the task assigned of organizing an engineering force to handle the large mines of the company and also of equipping an office in which could be gathered the engineering data so important in the development of a large coal field. In 1910 he settled at Carlinville and shortly afterwards in the same year was elected county surveyor of Macoupin county, a position which he has since filled. Upon coming to Carlinville he entered into partnership with S. T. Morse under the title of The Morse-Warren Engineering Company, of which he is an active member. During the winter of 1910-1911 he was engaged in compiling and publishing a new county atlas which was issued by The Morse-Warren Engineering Company and is pronounced the best atlas of the kind that has as yet been published. Since the spring of 1911 he has served very acceptably as city engineer of Carlinville, under appointment by the new mayor.

In May, 1908, Mr. Warren was married to Miss Anna Funk, of Bloomington, Illinois, who has proved indeed a sympathetic and helpful companion. As county surveyor he has faithfully performed his duty, evincing an interest in the work and an energy and effectiveness in meeting the wants of taxpayers, which have elicited the warmest approval. He has made a careful study of the resources of Macoupin county and is of the opinion that this county has greater possibilities of development in the immediate future than any other county of the state. On this account and also because of business and social ties he has selected Macoupin county as his permanent abode.

EDWARD EVERETT COOPER.

A life of intense and well directed business activity has brought Edward Everett Cooper to a position where he can now lay aside the heavier duties and burdens of business life and rest in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. At the present writing, in 1911, he is living in Girard, giving his attention merely to the supervision and direction of his various interests and properties.

His birth occurred in Greene county, this state, on the 4th of December, 1863, his parents being Edmond Mills and Martha (Tunnell) Cooper, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Tennessee. Extended mention is made of them on another page of this work. The Cooper family is descended from English and Welsh ancestry and was founded in America in colonial days.

Judge Edmond Landrum Cooper, the grandfather of Edward E. Cooper, was born in Orange county, Virginia, on the 28th of September, 1799, and on the 20th of November, 1822, in Christian county, Kentucky, was married to Mary Mills Perry. They removed to Greene county, Illinois, in April, 1836, becoming pioneer residents of that district, and there Mrs. Edmond L. Cooper

passed away March 6, 1887. Judge Cooper lived to be more than a hundred years of age and had he lived for another year his life record would have extended into three different centuries. He was prominent in the local affairs of the community in which he resided and was elected assessor and treasurer of Greene county, filling that position in 1853 and 1854. In politics he was a staunch republican, following the organization of that party and at all times was deeply interested in public projects that tended to promote the welfare of the community. He was a gentleman of the old school, always courteous and dignified, yet jovial and genial, and his friends delighted in his companionship.

His son, Edmond Mills Cooper, removed in 1864 to Girard, at which time Edward Everett Cooper was less than a year old. The latter was, therefore, reared in this district and is indebted to the public-school system of the village for the educational opportunities which were accorded him. He started out in the business world as a clerk in the dry-goods store of S. McKnight in 1881 and remained with that business until 1890, when he withdrew from active commercial pursuits. He is recognized as a man of sound business judgment, whose investments have been well placed, and he now spends the winter seasons in Arkansas, where he has extensive real-estate interests. He is also one of the stockholders and a director of the Citizens Bank of Van Buren, Arkansas, and a stockholder and director in the Girard Building & Loan Association. His insight into business situations is keen and his sagacity enables him to readily determine the value of any business proposition in which he becomes interested.

Mr. Cooper resides with his mother at the family residence in Girard. His fraternal relations are with the Masons, his membership being in Girard Lodge, No. 171, A. F. & A. M., in which he has filled all of the chairs, being now a past master. In political affairs he gives his allegiance to the men and measures of the republican party but has never sought nor desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his private business affairs and such interests as are a source of pleasure and enjoyment.

WILLIAM P. DICKIE.

Among the well known citizens of Bunker Hill closely identified with the business and public interests of the community is numbered William P. Dickie, who was born in this city on the 19th of October, 1858. His father, Robert Dickie, was a native of Dalry, Scotland, whence he came to the United States in early manhood. He was a wood worker by occupation, and established a shop in Bunker Hill, Macoupin county, here engaging in his trade until his death. After his arrival in this country he was married to Miss Mary Patrick, who was born in Dalry, Scotland, and at the age of seventy-eight years is still living. Unto this union were born six children, as follows: James, now deceased; William P., of this review; Lizzie, the wife of J. M. Harlan; Mary, at home; Robert, a jeweler of Lebanon, Missouri; and John, engaging in farming in Bunker Hill township.

William P. Dickie was reared to manhood under the parental roof, and was but twelve years of age when his father passed away. He attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education, and after laying aside his text-books began an apprenticeship to the jeweler's trade under the direction of I. W. Camp. In 1883 he purchased the business of Mr. Camp and has since been most successfully engaged in this line of activity. He has a well appointed establishment, showing an artistic and carefully selected line of goods, and his business sagacity ranks him among the leading merchants of Bunker Hill.

About twenty-seven years ago Mr. Dickie was united in marriage to Miss Mary H. Tirrill, and unto them were born six children, namely: William H., now deceased; Robert, who has also passed away; John Tirrill, who is engaged in the advertising business in St. Louis; Chester O., a resident of Seattle, Washington; Lawrence, in the jewelry business at Kennett, Missouri; and Mary Louise, attending the Illinois Woman's College.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickie hold membership in the Congregational church and the former also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He owns a beautiful home in Bunker Hill and the family is prominent in social circles here. An active worker in the republican ranks, few citizens are better known in this locality than Mr. Dickie, whose public-spirited efforts have been potent factors in the welfare of the community. He served as a member of the township board of education some time, also represented his ward as alderman in the town council and has been postmaster of Bunker Hill for the past thirteen years. In every relation of life he has been found true to high ideals of manhood and is numbered among the representative and valued citizens of Macoupin county.

THOMAS MARSHALL ROBISON.

Thomas Marshall Robison, whose demise occurred at Wray, Colorado, on the 1st of February, 1897, was a worthy native son of Macoupin county and was for some time engaged in the drug business at Chesterfield. His birth occurred near Greenfield, in Barr township, this county, on the 11th of December, 1855, his parents being Presley and Elizabeth (Redmond) Robison, who were natives of Kentucky and Indiana respectively. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, took up his abode among the pioneer settlers of Barr township, entering a tract of land from the government. His demise occurred thereon when he had attained the age of sixty-six years. His wife passed away in Hettick at the age of about seventy-three. Unto them were born seven children, as follows: William, who is a resident of Tacoma, Washington; George E., living in Barr township; "Doc," of Carlinville; James, who is deceased; Thomas Marshall, of this review; Lona, who gave her hand in marriage to Thomas Overby; and Belle, the wife of Charles Nelson.

Thomas M. Robison remained on the home farm in Macoupin county until he had attained the age of nineteen years and then followed the profession of teaching for several years. Subsequently he embarked in the drug business

at Chesterfield in association with A. A. Gary. Removing to Colorado, he there took up a homestead and later went into the grain business at Wray, that state. There he continued to reside until called to his final rest on the 1st of February, 1897.

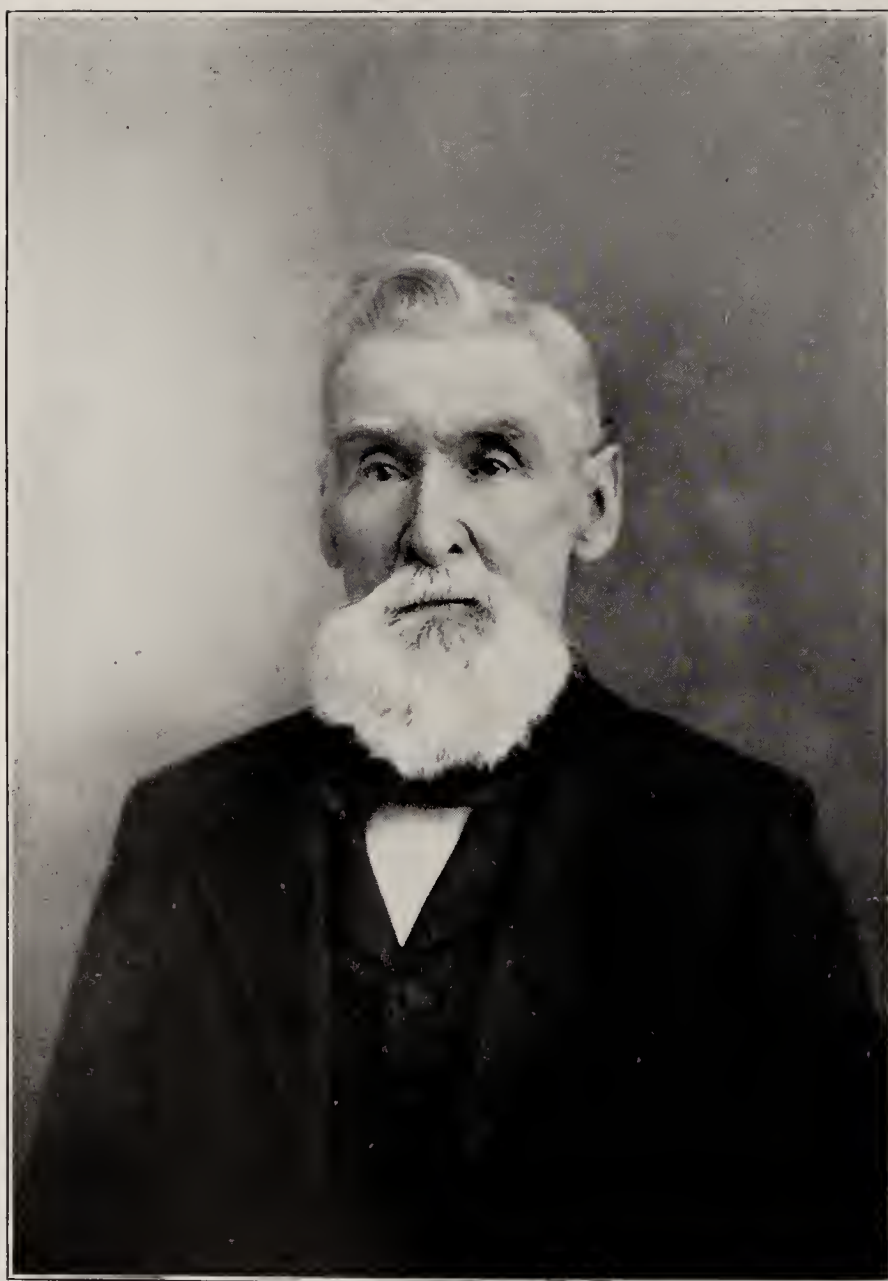
On the 6th of October, 1886, Mr. Robinson was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary E. Deeds, who was born near old Zanesville, in Montgomery county, Illinois, on the 3d of October, 1865, her parents being David and Mary A. (Bird) Deeds. Her paternal grandparents were Philip and Anna (Metcalf) Deeds, while her maternal grandparents were William and Mary (Stuart) Bird. David Deeds, the father of Mrs. Robison, was born near Carrollton, Greene county, Illinois, on the 22d of April, 1832, but spent the greater part of his life in Macoupin county. For a few years he made his home in Montgomery county. His demise occurred in Bird township, Macoupin county, on the 27th of April, 1875, when he had attained the age of forty-three years. His wife, whose birth occurred near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on the 5th of May, 1833, still survives him and makes her home in Carlinville. They were the parents of eleven children, as follows: Elra P., who is deceased; William A.; Horace D.; George Edgar; Anna Belle; Mary E.; Joseph B.; Ernest L.; Charles F.; and two who died in early life. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Robison were born five children. E. Juanita is a graduate of the Carlinville high school and Blackburn University and also pursued a post-graduate course in the University of Illinois, winning the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the last named institution. She is now principal of the high school at White Hall, Illinois. Victor Blaine, who is likewise a graduate of the Carlinville high school and Blackburn University and did post-graduate work at the University of Illinois, now acts as traveling salesman for Meyer Brothers' coffee house of St. Louis. Clarence E., is a painter by trade. Helen Robison died in infancy and Mary is a high school student.

Mr. Robison was a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Greenfield and Chesterfield lodges. He took a deep and helpful interest in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his widow also belongs. The latter makes her home at No. 520 North Seminary avenue in Carlinville.

W. C. ALDERSON.

W. C. Alderson, who has lived retired at Virden since 1892, devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and won a gratifying measure of success in his undertakings. His birth occurred in Morgan county, Illinois, on the 12th of February, 1834, his parents being Robert and Elizabeth (Clack) Alderson, who are mentioned at greater length on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of J. D. Alderson, a brother of our subject.

W. C. Alderson remained at home with his father until twenty-four years of age and then purchased one hundred acres of land in North Otter township. As his financial resources increased, owing to his capable management and



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untiring industry, he augmented his holdings by additional purchase until they embraced thirteen hundred and sixty acres of land, one hundred and sixty acres thereof lying in Sangamon county. He has made a will deeding all this property to his family. Throughout his entire business career he devoted his time and energies to the pursuits of farming and stock-raising, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income. In 1892 he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Virden, where he is now spending the evening of life in well earned ease, there owning an attractive and substantial residence.

On the 25th of March, 1858, Mr. Alderson was united in marriage to Miss Lucretia A. Rafferty, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Wriston) Rafferty. Their children were ten in number, namely: William H., who is a resident of Greene county, Illinois; Lurindy, the deceased wife of James Fair, of Greene county, this state; Amanda, the deceased wife of Albert Courtney, of San Francisco, California; Mrs. Alderson; Messina E., who is the wife of Warner J. Alderson and resides near Joplin, Missouri; Sarah E., the wife of Mathew Cunningham, of Carrollton, Illinois; Mary M., the deceased wife of Francis Walton, of Greene county; Emma, the deceased wife of E. B. Short, of Oxnard, California; Nancy M., who is the wife of James Hill and resides in Greene county; and Thomas J., who has passed away. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Alderson were born ten children, as follows: One who died in infancy; John H., an extensive landowner residing near Houston, Texas; Warner J., also living in Texas; another who died in infancy; William E., residing at Virden, Illinois; Etta, the deceased wife of William R. Riffey, of Macoupin county; Mary E., who is the wife of Charles Brennan and makes her home in Virden; Ella M., the wife of H. H. Chaffin, of Virden; Francis B., who is a resident of Macoupin county; and Iva M., the wife of John G. Clemons, of Jacksonville, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Alderson have twelve grandchildren, all girls but one.

Mr. Alderson gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has held the office of school director. In religious faith he is a Methodist. He has now passed the seventy-seventh milestone on this earthly pilgrimage and has so lived that he can look back upon the past without regret and forward to the future without fear.

JAMES A. WALKER.

A representative of one of the best known families of Macoupin county, James A. Walker has scarcely as yet reached middle life but he has attained a reputation as a substantial and progressive agriculturist. He is now living in Scottville, having moved to the village from his farm October 10, 1910. Born on the home place October 11, 1875, he is a son of James and China M. (Owens) Walker, a complete biographical record of whom appears on another page of this volume.

James A. Walker attended the common schools and carried his studies further at the normal school at Bushnell, Illinois. He early showed special adapt-

ability to farming pursuits and in 1895 began cultivating one hundred and forty to one hundred and sixty acres of land owned by his father. He now owns a farm of one hundred acres and a tract of thirteen acres in Scottville. Although living in the village he continues actively as a farmer, and the thrifty appearance of his place indicates the careful supervision that he gives to his work. The raising and feeding of stock has been an important part of his business and, as he raises only the best grades, he usually succeeds in securing a profitable price for the same.

On October 23, 1895, Mr. Walker was married to Miss Sarah E. Dugger, a daughter of W. H. and Polly Dugger. The father is one of the well known farmers of this county and lives at Barr. Mr. Walker is in thorough sympathy with the republican party whose candidates he heartily espouses. He is a member of the Christian church of Scottville and also of Lodge No. 426, A. F. & A. M., the Order of the Eastern Star, the Odd Fellows and the Mutual Protective League of Scottville. Through life he has been governed by principles of honor and has gained an enviable position among his fellow men by his intelligence and willingness to work—two elements which almost invariably lead to success.

LOUIS R. HOECKER.

Louis R. Hoecker, who through earnest application has won an honored name in Macoupin county, was born October 22, 1878, in Shaws Point township, where he now lives. He is a son of Peter and Mary (Laubenthal) Hoecker, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Illinois. The father came to America with his parents when six years of age, the family settling for a number of years in St. Clair county, Illinois. There he attended school and assisted his father in farm work until thirty years old. The farm was then disposed of and the family came to Macoupin county. The father purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Shaws Point township and later acquired more land, becoming the owner of three hundred acres. He continued upon this place until 1906, when he retired from active labor and purchased the Joseph Bird property at Carlinville, on which he took up his residence. He died in January, 1908, his wife having been called away five years previous, in August, 1903. He was a man of many admirable characteristics and through his persistency and well directed effort acquired a fortune, advancing from a humble position to one of prominence and affluence.

Mr. Hoecker of this sketch was reared in Macoupin county, and secured his education in the district schools and public schools of Carlinville. He assisted his father upon the home farm until twenty-two years of age and then went to Jacksonville, Illinois, and worked in the car shops of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad. Returning home, he continued there until after his marriage, when he rented one hundred and sixty acres in Honey Point township, which he cultivated to good advantage for two years. Having acquired the capital necessary for beginning business upon his own account, he purchased seventy-

six and one-half acres in Shaws Point township, upon which he has since lived. This land he bought from his father-in-law, and it was formerly known as the Penn Farm. Subsequently he purchased twenty acres of his father's estate, and in July, 1911, acquired twenty acres more so that at the present time he is the owner of one hundred and sixteen acres in one body. He also owns an eighth interest in his father's estate which has not yet been settled. In addition to raising cereals, Mr. Hoecker maintains a herd of two hundred and sixty head of sheep and raises from fifty to one hundred head of hogs per year, also keeping seventeen head of horses and mules. He is highly energetic and capable in everything he undertakes, and is recognized as one of the substantial men of the community.

In October, 1905, Mr. Hoecker was married to Miss Viola Dugger, a daughter of Samuel B. and Grace (Chappell) Dugger, both of whom were born in Macoupin county. The father has been identified with agricultural interests ever since his boyhood. He purchased his father's farm in Shaws Point township and cultivated it uninterruptedly until 1908, when he retired and moved to Carlinville. He is now fifty-five years of age, his wife being five years his junior. Mr. and Mrs. Hoecker are the parents of two children: Lyndal, who was born August 17, 1906; and Donald E., born November 14, 1909.

Politically Mr. Hoecker is a staunch advocate of the republican party. He has taken the interest of a patriotic citizen in public affairs and is now serving as township commissioner, this being his second term in that office. He is also a member of the school board and, religiously, he and his wife affiliate with the Methodist church. He has devoted his attention to his business with excellent results, and has gained success through unswerving industry, determination and reliability. He has always exercised a beneficent influence on those by whom he is surrounded and, therefore, truly belongs among the upbuilders of the state and county.

Q. H. BATES.

Among the native sons of Macoupin county who should receive adequate mention in a historical work treating of the development and present status of the county is Q. H. Bates, who was born in Bird township October 8, 1863. He is a son of George W. and Agnes Anne (Adams) Bates, the former of whom was born in Macoupin county in 1837. The grandfather of our subject was a native of Tennessee and was born near Chattanooga. He came to Macoupin county early in the '30s and took up his residence on what is now called Shinbone. Shortly afterwards he purchased land in Bird township, on which Comer Station is now located, and established his home there. This land was raw prairie when he took possession and he diligently set to work making improvements which largely increased its value. He spent the remainder of his life upon his farm. He was a quiet, unassuming man and took a great interest in religious affairs, being an earnest member of the Baptist church and instrumental in the erection of the first church building in this locality.

George W. Bates grew to manhood on the home place and later purchased a tract of land in Carlinville township upon which he resided until his death, on the 4th of February, 1879. He was prominently connected with the Masonic order and was respected as one of the representative citizens of the community. The mother of our subject was also a native of Macoupin county and was a woman of many admirable traits of heart and character. She died in December, 1870, when her son Q. H. was quite young. There were six children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Bates, namely: Lelia, who is the wife of Lewis Griffith, of Nashville, Tennessee; D. M., who is living on the old home place; Q. H., of this review; William W., who resides in Chicago; Ida A., the wife of Everett Cole, of South Otter township; and James C., living near Plainview, Illinois.

Q. H. Bates possessed advantages of education in the country schools and continued with his father until after reaching maturity. He then engaged in farming and continued at various places in the county until eleven years ago when he purchased the land upon which he now resides. His farm consists of eighty acres and is located in section 26 of Bird township. He has made many improvements and by the proper rotation of crops has brought the land to a high state of productiveness. He uses good judgment in the selection of stock and his farm is one of the most profitable of its size in the township. He also buys and sells grain at Comer Station and in all his operations has displayed a discrimination which is one of the most important elements in the accomplishment of any worthy object.

On the 27th of January, 1886, Mr. Bates was married to Miss Addie E. Forsythe, a native of Bird township and a daughter of Columbus Forsythe who is now living in Carlinville township. Three children have been born to this union, George C., Victor L. and Ruby Inez, all of whom are living at home.

In politics Mr. Bates gives his allegiance to the democratic party, the principles of which he heartily espouses. He has never shirked responsibility and is now serving for the sixth year as a member of the board of county supervisors, a position which he has filled with the highest credit. He has also occupied the offices of highway commissioner, tax collector, assessor and school director. He has discharged his duties acceptably to the people of the township irrespective of party and no man in the county possesses in a higher degree the confidence of his neighbors. He and his estimable wife are members of Shiloh Baptist church and he is also affiliated with the lodge of Modern Woodmen of America at Carlinville. On account of his genial social qualities he can claim many friends who speak of him as one of the most substantial and reliable men of this section.

W. G. BAILEY.

W. G. Bailey, of North Otter township, may be named as one of the capable and energetic farmers of Macoupin county—a man who has won success through his unaided efforts and is fully deserving of the confidence and esteem in which he is held by his friends and neighbors. He was born in Kentucky,

September 7, 1869, a son of Granville M. and Jane (Bowles) Bailey, both of whom were born in Kentucky. The father has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and he and his wife are now living near Glasgow, Kentucky. There were six children in their family, namely: Frances, who married James Young, of Kentucky; W. G., of this sketch; Isaac and James, who are also living in Kentucky; Lizzie, who is the wife of William Barber, of the same state; and Eva, who married Henry Tole, also of Kentucky.

Mr. Bailey of this review attended the district schools and continued upon the home farm until nineteen years of age. He then came to Illinois and engaged at farm work in Sangamon county until 1906. He then purchased forty acres of land in North Otter township, Macoupin county, where he established his home, and he also rents land, being now in charge of two hundred acres. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and has been especially successful in fattening hogs and cattle for market. As he is a man of resolution and perseverance, he has steadily forged ahead and is recognized as one of the representative citizens of his township.

On the 21st of February, 1900, Mr. Bailey was married in this county to Miss Grace Williams, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Strong) Williams, both of whom were born in Kentucky. They came to Illinois in 1830 and took up their residence in Greene county, but later arrived in Macoupin county, where Mr. Williams became the owner of a productive farm of eighty acres. He died March 7, 1911. In his family were four children, namely: Carrie, who is deceased; Della, who is the wife of Henry Kable; Edna, also deceased; and Grace, now Mrs. W. G. Bailey.

Politically Mr. Bailey is a staunch supporter of the republican party. He is a good friend of education and has served as member of the school board, doing effective service in behalf of the public schools. His religious belief is indicated by membership in the Christian church. Starting out in life on his own account at an age when the minds of many young men are engrossed with pursuit of pleasure, he took a more sensible view of his responsibilities and as a result is now comfortably and pleasantly located and each year witnesses increasing prosperity in his business. He is highly respected on account of his sterling integrity and his abiding interest in the welfare of others, and his record is well worthy of emulation by all young men desirous of making a respectable name for themselves in the community.

JOHN H. DUCKELS.

John H. Duckels, a retired agriculturist and prominent citizen of Chesterfield, is the present supervisor of Chesterfield township, where he still owns two hundred and eighty acres of valuable farming land. His birth occurred on the 16th of February, 1850, his parents being Richard and Elizabeth (Morris) Duckels. His paternal great-grandfather, Richard Duckels, was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1734, and there spent his entire life. By trade he was a blacksmith. Thomas Duckels, the grandfather, was born in the village of

Goole, Yorkshire, in 1770, and there wedded Miss Anne Galton, by whom he had eight children, three of whom came to America, as follows: Nancy, the deceased wife of John Leach; William, who was a resident of Macoupin county and has also passed away; and Richard, the father of our subject.

The last named was born at Goole, Yorkshire, on the 4th of July, 1811, and grew to manhood on his father's farm. In 1835 he emigrated to the United States, stopping at Jacksonville, Illinois, for a short time. Subsequently he removed to Alton, where he was employed in the general mercantile establishment of Godfrey & Gilman until 1841. In that year he returned to England, but in 1842 again came to America, settling in Chesterfield township, Macoupin county, Illinois. In 1889 he removed to Western Mound township and there continued to reside until called to his final rest, owning at that time seven hundred acres of rich and productive land. His demise occurred on the 9th of March, 1904, when he had attained the age of nearly ninety-three years. On the 23d of February, 1843, he had wedded Miss Elizabeth Morris, whose birth occurred near Thorne, Yorkshire, England, on the 18th of January, 1827. Her parents, John and Ann (Sexty) Morris, were natives of Yorkshire and resided at Thorne until 1832. In that year they emigrated to America with their nine children, coming to Illinois and settling in Western Mound township, Macoupin county, Mr. Morris here taking up government land. Ann (Sexty) Morris, who is the maternal grandmother of both our subject and his wife, was born on the 4th of May, 1794, and was the daughter of Richard and Rebecca Sexty, both of the parish of Thorne, Yorkshire, England. Elizabeth (Morris) Duckels, the mother of John H. Duckels, died on the 29th of March, 1897, in the seventy-first year of her age. By her marriage to Richard Duckels she had twelve children, as follows: Matilda, the deceased wife of Jefferson Lee; George, who is a resident of Carlinville, Illinois; John H., of this review; Edwin and Richard, both of whom died in early life; Henry C. and Oscar, who are residents of Macoupin county; Anna, the wife of Aaron Loveless, of Carlinville, Illinois; Grant, of this county; Laura, who makes her home at Carlinville, Illinois; Rollin, living at Chesterfield, Illinois; and Clara, the wife of Charles Wilton, of Chesterfield.

John H. Duckels obtained his education in the public schools and worked on his father's farm until 1876, when he purchased and located on a tract of one hundred and twenty acres on section 4, Chesterfield township, which is still in his possession. As his financial resources increased he extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it now embraces two hundred and eighty acres of land, all under a high state of cultivation and improvement. In connection with the tilling of the soil he devoted considerable attention to stock, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income. At the present time he is living retired in Chesterfield, where he owns a ten-acre tract of land.

In March, 1872, Mr. Duckels was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Morris, the only child of Felix and Susan (Abner) Morris. Felix Morris, a native of England, was a son of John and Ann (Sexty) Morris, mentioned above. In 1862 he enlisted for service with Company G, Fifty-ninth Illinois Infantry, reenlisting on the 22d of November, 1863. He participated in the

battles of Chattanooga and Chickamauga, was captured in the latter and remained in Andersonville prison for some time. After being exchanged he went home on a furlough. On returning to his regiment he was killed in a skirmish in Georgia, being shot through the head.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Duckels were born nine children. Addie, whose natal year was 1873, is the wife of Lawrence Ketchum, of Shipman township, Macoupin county, by whom she has four daughters: Edna, Ruby, Hazel and Lucile. Felix, the next in order of birth, died in infancy. Edwin M., who was born in 1878, wedded Miss Laura Barnes and resides in Chesterfield township, Macoupin county. Lois, whose birth occurred in 1881, is the wife of John E. Hall, of Western Mound township, by whom she had three children: Letha; Helen, who is deceased; and John Hayden. Morris R., a resident of Chesterfield township, married Miss Clara Bode and has one child, Lucile. Clarence, who was born in 1888 and resides in Western Mound township, wedded Miss Stella Lyon and has one child, Dorothy. Hayden, whose natal year was 1891, operates the home farm in Chesterfield township. Howard, born in 1900, is still under the parental roof. Grace, whose birth occurred in 1903, is the youngest member of the family.

In politics Mr. Duckels is a stanch republican, believing that the principles of that party are most conducive to good government. He has served as supervisor of Chesterfield township for a number of terms and holds that office at the present time. In religious faith he is a Methodist, while fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. In the county where his entire life has been spent he is well known and greatly esteemed as a prominent and substantial citizen. Quiet and unassuming, he has nevertheless won the high regard and friendship of all with whom he has come in contact.

C. O. DENBY.

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Many of the most successful residents of Macoupin county are of English descent and by their energy, perseverance and thrift have demonstrated qualities which are recognized the world over as the foundation of all material prosperity. C. O. Denby, whose home is on a highly improved farm in Bird township, belongs to this class, both of his parents having been natives of England. He was born in Bird township, May 26, 1870, a son of George and Anne (Precious) Denby. The parents were married in the old country and emigrated to America, first taking up their home at Jacksonville, Illinois. Subsequently they came to Macoupin county and located on a farm in Palmyra township where they spent the remainder of their lives.

The youthful days of Mr. Denby whose name introduces this review were spent under the parental roof and in the district schools he acquired his preliminary education. Not satisfied, however, with the rudiments of knowledge he became a student of Blackburn University at Carlinville, where under competent instruction he pursued the higher branches. After leaving the university he returned home and remained with his parents until their death. He has

applied himself to agriculture and stock-raising with excellent results and is the owner of eighty acres of good land in section 12, Bird township, also being interested in other property in the township. He has been engaged in farming ever since his boyhood and as he makes use of practical methods his labors have been abundantly rewarded. He is an industrious man, upright and honorable in every act, and one of the most public-spirited citizens of the township.

On January 12, 1898, Mr. Denby was married to Miss Laretta Nixon and they are the parents of one child, Claude R. Politically Mr. Denby is a firm believer in the republican party as the organization best adapted to control the destinies of the nation. He possesses in an eminent degree the confidence of the people of the township as is indicated by his election to the office of assessor, a position he has filled six years. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church and are willing workers in all movements aiming to promote the permanent interests of this section. The life record of Mr. Denby is highly creditable and his success has been due to his wisely directed efforts and honorable business methods.

J. W. WHEELER.

Fifty-four years ago, on March 29, 1857, J. W. Wheeler was born on his father's farm in Bird township. After arriving at maturity, instead of seeking a home among strangers, he continued in his native county and he has seen no reason to regret his choice of a permanent location. He is one of the successful men of Macoupin county and is now the owner of a farm which yields a handsome annual revenue. He is a son of William and Mary Jane (Lee) Wheeler, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

In the district schools J. W. Wheeler received his early education and later, desiring to carry his studies further, he became a student at Blackburn University in Carlinville. He continued at home until twenty-four years of age and under his father was thoroughly instructed in all details pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising, thus becoming remarkably well prepared for the responsibilities which he has since assumed. He began farming on his own account in Bird township and later lived in various parts of the county. About twenty years ago he settled on the place where he now lives, which comprises three hundred and sixty acres on sections 19 and 20, Bird township. He engages extensively in feeding and shipping stock and this has proved a profitable branch of his business. His farm is well improved and the work is conducted along modern and progressive lines, thus securing the best returns for the time and labor expended upon it.

In 1881 Mr. Wheeler was married to Miss Sarah Emma Loveless, a daughter of John H. and Rhuhama (Brown) Loveless, one of the well known pioneer families of Macoupin county, of whom extended mention has been made on another page of this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler eight children have been born, namely: Orville W., who is engaged in farming in Bird township; Grace, who married Richard Metcalf and lives near Chesterfield; Claude E., who is also



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identified with farming in Bird township; Truman, deceased; John W. and Foster, both at home; and Paul and Ruth, both deceased.

Mr. Wheeler gives his political allegiance to the democratic party as the organization which in his opinion is best adapted to preserve the liberties of the country. He has served as highway commissioner for two years and as school director for twenty years, discharging his duties in a manner entirely acceptable to the people. He is loyal in matters of citizenship and takes a great interest in the development of a region with which he has been familiar since his boyhood. He and his estimable wife are both members of the Baptist church, in which he is now serving as clerk and deacon. He also holds membership in the Masonic order, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Mutual Protective League. Always intelligent and comprehensive in his views and methods, he is respectful of the opinions of others and is justly esteemed wherever he is known.

EDMOND MILLS COOPER.

No history of Girard would be complete without extended mention of Edmond Mills Cooper, not alone because of the success which he achieved in business but also because of the active and helpful part which he took in many movements that promoted public progress. His principles have their root in the teachings of the Baptist church and of the Masonic fraternity, and at all times his life was in harmony with his professions. He was a man whom to know was to esteem and honor, and to his family he left not only a substantial competence but also the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. He remained for forty-six years a resident of Girard and throughout that entire period there was not one esoteric phase in his life work.

Mr. Cooper was born in Christian county, Kentucky, on the 25th of November, 1831, a son of Edmond Landrum and Mary Mills (Perry) Cooper. The Cooper family trace their ancestry in diverging lines back to England and Wales, but representatives of the name came to America when this country was numbered among the colonial possessions of Great Britain. Edmond Landrum Cooper was born in Orange county, Virginia, September 28, 1799, and was married in Christian county, Kentucky, November 20, 1822, to Mary Mills Perry. They began their domestic life in that state and after fourteen years removed to Greene county, Illinois, where they arrived in April, 1836. Mr. Cooper there not only followed the occupation of farming but was also prominent in public affairs, serving as assessor and treasurer of Greene county in 1853 and 1854. His early political support was given to the whig party and after its dissolution he became a staunch advocate of republican principles. He was a gentleman of the old school, always courteous and dignified, yet jovial and approachable, and his companions found him a congenial friend. He lived to be more than one hundred years of age, while his wife died some years before, passing away in Greene county, Illinois, March 6, 1887. They were the parents of nine children, Mildred Ann, James Perry, William Tandy, Robert Rutherford, Emeline Eliza-

beth, Edmond Mills, Adrian Alfred, Cornelia and Verinda. Of these James, Cornelia and Verinda died in infancy, while the others reached adult age. Of the family of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cooper two now survive, Robert R. Cooper and Mrs. Emeline Cunningham, both residing in Greenfield, Illinois.

Edmond Mills Cooper was little more than four years of age when brought by his parents to Illinois, the family home being established in Greene county, where he lived until some years after his marriage. He experienced the usual hardships and trials of life upon the frontier, for Illinois was at that time sparsely settled. Only four years before the Black Hawk war had occurred and there were still many traces of Indian occupancy in this part of the state. While in the home there was a lack of many of the comforts and conveniences now to be found, the training was such as to awaken in him those principles which constituted the foundation for an exemplary character.

Having arrived at years of maturity, Mr. Cooper was married on the 30th of August, 1855, in Greene county, to Miss Martha Tunnell, who was born in Tennessee, February 11, 1836, and was a daughter of Luther Tunnell. They established their home in Greene county but after about nine years removed to Macoupin county, settling at Girard. They became the parents of five children, of whom two died in infancy, while Frederic passed away after attaining manhood, leaving a wife and children. The two remaining sons are: Charles, now a resident of New York city; and Edward Everett, of Girard. There are also seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

It was in the year 1864 that Mr. Cooper left Greene county and brought his family to Girard, where he embarked in merchandising. He established a dry-goods store, always carried a well selected line of goods and by reason of his straightforward dealing and earnest efforts to please his customers he secured a liberal patronage and in time through his well conducted business interests acquired a substantial competence. In his later years he put aside business cares and lived a retired life, enjoying a rest that he had truly earned and richly deserved. One of the local papers said of him: "Mr. Cooper was a man universally respected and held in high esteem by all who knew him. His conscientious adherence to the principles of right, which seemed to be a part of the man, gave him the confidence of all with whom he came in contact."

Mr. Cooper's principal activities outside of his business and his home were in connection with the Masonic fraternity and the Baptist church. He held membership in Girard Lodge, No. 171, A. F. & A. M., which found in him an exemplary representative, true to the teachings of the craft concerning mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. He was ever ready to extend a helping hand to those who needed assistance or to speak a word of encouragement to a brother when the day seemed dark and the outlook unpromising. Back of all this was his Christian faith, which had its root in the doctrines of the Baptist church. He was sixteen years of age when he united with the church and he continued loyal to his professions all that time to the close of his life. Christianity was with him not a matter merely of Sabbath observance but something which became a part of his very life. He endeavored always to practice the Christian virtues of temperance, forbearance and charity, and in many lines of the church work he was a most helpful factor. For several years he served as

Sunday school superintendent and for many years was one of the deacons of the church, sparing neither labor nor expense in promoting the growth of the church and extending its influence. Death came to him after considerable suffering and was a welcome relief from the pain through which he had passed. He was called to the home beyond June 4, 1910, when he had reached the age of seventy-eight years, six months and nine days. The words of the poet might well be applied to him that "his were the blessed accompaniments of old age—riches, honor, troops of friends—" for success had rewarded his labors and investments in the business world, his well spent life had gained him the unqualified respect and confidence of his fellowmen and his genial, cordial manner had gained for him the friendship of the majority of those with whom he came in contact. His political allegiance was given the republican party and he ever kept well informed on the issues of the day but never sought nor held office. He preferred to concentrate his energies upon his private interests, his duties as a citizen and as a member of the church. He was ever most devoted to his family, his interest centering in his own household, where he was ever a devoted husband and father. He never sought to figure prominently before the public and yet his worth was acknowledged by all who knew him. In the review of such a life record as that of Edmond Mills Cooper we are reminded of the words of Abraham Lincoln: "There is something better than making a living—making a life."

ROBERT LEE JONES.

Among the public spirited and successful men of Macoupin county, who have gained the confidence of the entire community, is Robert Lee Jones. He has served in one of the most important offices in the county, and has shown an ability and fidelity to trust which are worthy of universal imitation. Born in Carlinville, August 23, 1873, he is a son of John D. and Sarah L. (Rule) Jones, the former of whom was born in Scioto county, Ohio, and the latter at Alton, Illinois. The grandfather on the paternal side came to Illinois with his family and began farming in Jersey county. Later he removed to Macoupin county in a covered wagon and purchased a farm upon which he established the family homestead. He contracted pneumonia from exposure while driving cattle and hogs through the country and died soon after locating in this county. John D. Jones, the father of our subject, was reared under pioneer conditions and continued at home until the outbreak of the Civil war. In response to the call of President Lincoln, he offered his services to his country and became a member of Company C, Fourteenth Illinois Infantry, serving faithfully with his regiment during the entire war. After the close of the great conflict, he received his honorable discharge and returned to Macoupin county, entering the butcher business at Carlinville, in which he continued successfully for many years. He is now living in honorable retirement at his home in Carlinville, and has reached the age of seventy-four, his wife being sixty-eight years of age. They are both well known and highly respected residents of the city.

The public schools of Carlinville furnished opportunity for Robert Lee Jones to secure a good preliminary education and thus lay a useful foundation for an active life. After leaving school he secured employment on a stock farm in the county, and subsequently worked on various farms for five years. He then took up his residence in Carlinville and for three years was engaged in teaming. At the end of the time named, he was given employment as weighmaster for the Carlinville Coal Company, a position which he filled for one and one-half years. He then resigned and joined the Coal Miners Union, being employed as check weighman by that organization. He served in this capacity for eight years, and during four years of that time was regularly reelected to the position every three months. He became well known in the county and in 1906 was elected sheriff, a position which he filled most acceptably to voters of all political parties for four years. Since retiring from the office of sheriff he has served as deputy United States marshal, and also has had charge of the sheriff's office during the absence of the sheriff from the county.

Mr. Jones has never married, preferring the freedom of bachelorhood. Politically he is an earnest advocate of the republican party whose principles appeal to him as essential to the perpetuity of the nation. He is in sympathy with the doctrines of the Methodist church but he has never affiliated with any religious denomination although friendly toward them all. He is a member of Lodge No. 107, I. O. O. F., and also of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and has found much in the teachings of those orders which meet his approval. A faithful public official and through life a lover of justice and truth, he is a worthy representative of the best type of American citizen and as such is highly popular wherever he is known.

GEORGE BAKER.

The enterprise and industry with which George Baker applied himself to business in former years now makes it possible for him to live retired from active life, these characteristics being the salient elements in the attainment of his present comfortable financial position. He is a native of England, his birth occurring in Dorchestershire on the 5th of July, 1831. His parents, John and Anne (Gauler) Baker, were both born in England and there spent their entire lives, the father being employed as footman. In their family were four children, namely Emily, deceased; George, of this review; Martha, the widow of Frank Dyke, of Bunker Hill; and Charles, a blacksmith of this town.

In the common schools of his native land George Baker acquired his education and at the age of fourteen years became an apprentice to the blacksmith's trade, thus serving for six years. At the expiration of that period he worked as a journeyman for a time and then a brother-in-law, Frank Dyke, who was then visiting in England, offered him passage money to the United States. Accepting this opportunity to come to this country, he sailed from England in 1854 and five weeks had passed ere he arrived on American soil. Coming direct to Illinois, he worked at his trade for a few months, after which he entered into

partnership with John Upton, this relation continuing for one year. He then purchased entire control of the business and continued its conduct until 1886, when the success which had attended his efforts made it possible to withdraw from active business life and with a most comfortable competence as the result of his well directed efforts and perseverance he has since lived retired. He owns a fine brick residence in Bunker Hill and also other dwellings and business houses in his home town as well as one hundred and forty acres of valuable farm land in Bunker Hill township.

In 1857 Mr. Baker was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Jane Kitchell, who became the mother of six children, as follows: Ed, a farmer of Coulterville, Illinois; Anna, the wife of J. Y. Pierce, of Ballinger, Texas; Jane, deceased; T. A., engaged in the real-estate business in Bunker Hill; and two who passed away in infancy. In 1882 Mrs. Baker was called to her final rest and in 1890 Mr. Baker was again married, his second union being with Miss Eliza Meyers, whose death occurred in 1907.

The religious faith of Mr. Baker is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church while politically he gives his support to the republican party. He has served as a member of the town council and has been deeply and actively interested in the public life of the community for a number of years, doing all in his power to further the general welfare and always advocating those measures which have to do with progress and advancement in civic affairs. He has now reached the eightieth milestone on life's journey and, viewing his life through the perspective of the years, his has been a most creditable career, its success being measured not only by the material prosperity which has crowned his labors but also by the high place which he has made for himself in the esteem and regard of his fellowmen, and by the large circle of warm friends which he has gathered around him.

CHARLES PURSEY.

Charles Pursey, who owns a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Polk township which he acquired by his energy and business ability, is justly regarded as one of the trustworthy and progressive men of Macoupin county. He was born in Somersetshire, England, April 28, 1858, and is a son of Thomas and Sarah Anne (Fields) Pursey. The father was born in Devonshire and continued with his parents until twenty-one years of age, when he took up his permanent residence in Somersetshire. He devoted his attention to general farming and died about 1884. The mother of our subject was born in Somersetshire and passed her entire life in that section. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Pursey were seven children: Sarah Anne, who is the widow of Frank Wheeler, of England; Eliza, the widow of George Tatner, of Kent, England; Thomas, who came to America and is now engaged in farming in Polk township, Macoupin county; Emery, who was killed in a runaway accident; Charles; George, who is also living in Polk township; and Emily, deceased.

In the public schools of his native land Charles Pursey received his early education. He continued at home until fourteen years of age and then began learning the butcher's trade, at which he continued for five years in Gloucestershire. He then went to Dartford, Kent, and was employed in the paper mills for one year, after which he spent a year at home. Having decided to seek his fortune in America, he went aboard the ship *Parthia*, of the Cunard line, at Liverpool, and crossed the ocean landing at Castle Garden, New York, March 12, 1881. He came direct to Macoupin county, Illinois, and soon afterwards bought eighty acres in Polk township, which he cultivated for eighteen months and then began working for wages, in order to secure more capital. After being employed for four years by farmers of the neighborhood he settled on his own place, which is located on sections 10 and 11, and now comprises two hundred and forty acres. His land is in an excellent state of cultivation and as he keeps good grades of stock and understands marketing the same, his continued prosperity is assured.

In 1887 Mr. Pursey was married to Miss Emily Eddington, who was born in Somersetshire, England, and came to the United States in the year of her marriage. She died in 1888, and in 1889 Mr. Pursey was married to Mrs. Joseph Christian, who was born in Polk township on the farm where she now makes her home. There are nine children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Pursey, namely, Jacob Rudolph, Joseph Wesley, Carl Julius, Edward, Lilly, Theodore, Dorothy, Mildred, and Charles Earl, all of whom are at home.

Politically Mr. Pursey supports the republican party, and he has served for two terms as highway commissioner and for fourteen years as a member of the school board. He was christened in the Church of England, but his wife is a member of the German Evangelical church of Carlinville. Being a liberal-hearted man, he is a generous contributor to churches and all worthy causes. Fraternally he is identified with the Royal Americans, and he is also connected with the Federal Life Insurance Company of Chicago. Arriving in America thirty years ago, he set himself bravely to work among strangers, and has founded a home and established a reputation of which his family and friends may truly be proud. He has ever recognized his obligations to his family and to his adopted state and country, and no more loyal citizen is to be met with in Illinois than the one whose name introduces this sketch.

JAMES A. RING.

The son of a soldier who gave up his life for the Union, James A. Ring, of Shaws Point township, has shown many of the sturdy traits of character which were possessed by his honored father, and is justly entitled to the success he has attained as an agriculturist and stock-raiser. He was born in Coles county, Illinois, in November, 1856, a son of Henry and Eliza (Griffin) Ring, the former being a native of Kentucky and the latter of Indiana. The father came to Coles county in the pioneer days and engaged in farming. He was a sincere lover of the republic and in 1861, when the life of the Union was threatened, he enlisted in the federal army and was sent to the front in the army of the west. On ac-

count of exposure and the hardships of fighting and campaigning he was taken sick at the close of six months and died in a hospital at Nashville, Tennessee, in 1862. After his death his widow returned with her children from Illinois to her old home in Indiana, continuing there until the close of the war, when she came to Macoupin county, Illinois.

Mr. Ring of this review attended the public schools of Indiana and Macoupin county. As soon as he became old enough he went out to work by the month and continued for fifteen years working for wages. He then began farming upon his own account and rented land for eight years. He afterward purchased one hundred and ten acres, partly improved, in Shaws Point township. He greatly increased the value of the place by good management and proper rotation of crops, also erecting buildings, making it one of the desirable farms of the locality. His son, James W., is now in charge of this property and the father is operating the Burke and McGready farm of two hundred and seventy-six acres, of which he has been in control for seven years. He usually keeps on hand about a carload of cattle and twenty-three head of horses and mules, also feeding two carloads of hogs each year. His efforts have met with merited recompense and each year witnesses an increase in his revenue.

In September, 1886, Mr. Ring was married to Miss Mary Ann Fishback, a daughter of John and Jennie Fishback, both of whom were born in Germany. The parents came to Macoupin county, Illinois, many years ago, and Mr. Fishback cultivated a rented farm for several years. Subsequently he purchased and improved a small place, upon which he spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1897. The mother is still living and makes her home with the subject of this review, having arrived at the age of seventy-eight years. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ring: Frank, who is now twenty-four years old; James W., who is twenty-three years of age; John H., of the age of nineteen years; and Homer O., thirteen years old.

Mr. Ring takes an active interest in local affairs and is now serving as township commissioner, an office which he has filled most acceptably for six years past. He also occupied the position of township treasurer for three years. Socially he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a man of frank and straightforward address and by contact with the world has gained much practical knowledge, which he has been able to apply to good advantage. He belongs to the best type of citizenship and is recognized as a just and upright man, who may be depended upon to maintain the family name with dignity and honor.

ELBERT E. BEASLEY.

Elbert E. Beasley, the proprietor of a livery stable at Virden, conducts the most extensive business of this character in the north end of Macoupin county. His birth occurred in Sangamon county, Illinois, on the 30th of September, 1865, his parents being James H. and Elizabeth (Hollingsworth) Beasley, who were natives of North Carolina and Tennessee respectively. Coming to Illinois, they

first took up their abode in Morgan county. James H. Beasley, a brick mason and contractor, came to Virden when his son Elbert was two or three years of age, here continuing to reside until called to his final rest. Unto him and his wife were born nine children, as follows: William, who is a resident of Montgomery county, Illinois; Elisha, living in Kansas; Martha, the wife of William Staton, of Palmyra, Illinois; Flora, the wife of John Steel, of Kansas; John W., of Virden, Illinois; Elbert E., of this review; Edgar, who makes his home at Pasadena, California; Josie, who is the wife of Clay Boshlog, of Kansas; and Nettie, who died in infancy.

On attaining his majority Elbert E. Beasley went to Kansas and took up a quarter section of land. Disposing of the property, he returned to Virden and rented a farm of two hundred and forty acres, in the cultivation of which he was engaged for several years. Eventually he purchased land of his own, operating a tract of eighty acres for two years. On the expiration of that period he sold the farm and in 1905 took up his abode at Virden, here buying a livery stable. At the end of three years he sold out and went to California, there remaining for one year. On again returning to Virden he purchased two building lots and a fine barn and has since conducted a livery stable, having the largest business of this kind in the north end of Macoupin county.

On the 26th of January, 1887, Mr. Beasley was united in marriage to Miss Emma J. Shutle, a daughter of Marion and Elvira (Lowdermilk) Shutle. Mrs. Beasley was one of seven children born to her parents and the only one who survived infancy. She is now the mother of three children, as follows: Mina, whose natal day was May 30, 1888; Leola, whose birth occurred on the 1st of May, 1900; and Floyd, who was born July 8, 1902.

Mr. Beasley gives his political allegiance to the democracy and belongs to the Court of Honor. His life has been so honorable, his character development so admirable and his worth so pronounced that wherever known Elbert E. Beasley is respected and esteemed. He well merits the success which has come to him, for it has been gained through business methods which neither seek nor require disguise. His wife is a member of the Baptist church.

G. B. LOPER.

G. B. Loper has for many years been closely identified with agricultural and stock-raising interests of Macoupin county and is known as one of its most progressive and useful citizens. His home, in Western Mound township, is a center of hospitality where all are assured of a cordial greeting. He is of Scotch descent on the paternal side and was born in the township where he now lives June 5, 1842, a son of A. W. and Susan (Keller) Loper. The father was born in New Jersey in 1816 and came to Illinois with his parents when he was twelve years of age. The family first located in Greene county but a short time afterward arrived in Macoupin county, where the name of Loper has ever since been well known. The grandfather of our subject, James Loper, was in his



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earlier years a sea captain. After giving up life on the ocean he devoted his attention to farming and died at Carlinville about 1839.

A. W. Loper grew to manhood in this county and was married in Greene county, at the home of James Reaves, to Miss Susan Keller, the ceremony being performed by Mr. Reaves. The young couple immediately went to housekeeping in a little log house which had been built by Mr. Loper on section 33, Western Mound township, but this simple structure was later superseded by a comfortable frame house. In 1849 Mr. Loper associated with Josiah Whipple in the erection of a sawmill on Macoupin creek, just above Loper's ford. The site is known as "The Tank" and is on the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad. Being an unusually industrious and energetic man, Mr. Loper acquired four hundred acres of land which represented only a portion of his accumulations, as he loaned money extensively in this region. In 1867 he entered the brokerage business at Minneapolis, Minnesota, with which he was identified for four or five years. He then returned to his farm in Macoupin county and died here in 1890. He was an active supporter of the republican party and owing to his sound judgment and marked success in his chosen calling was very prominent for many years in this section. The mother of our subject was born in Kentucky and was of English descent. She was a daughter of John and Zella (Hedges) Keller, who were among the pioneers of Macoupin county. She died in 1896 and she and her husband are buried in the Keller cemetery on section 33, Western Mound township. They were the parents of eleven children, four of whom died in infancy, the others being: Loduskey, deceased; G. B., of this review; Darlescia P., who is also deceased; C. V., a resident of Harrison, Arkansas; L. Leota, the widow of William Cresor, of Sedgwick, Kansas; Ophelia, who married H. C. Duckles and is now deceased; and Adriana, the wife of Charles Wright, of Valley Center, Kansas.

Mr. Loper, whose name introduces this sketch, received his preliminary education in a log schoolhouse of the neighborhood, sixteen by eighteen feet in size, with a window and door as the only openings to the house except the chimney. Later he attended school at Chesterfield. The log schoolhouse was replaced by a more pretentious building and Mr. Loper was elected a member of the school board, upon which he was serving when a third schoolhouse of modern design was erected upon the same spot. He continued in office until the building was paid for and then resigned. All of his children were educated at this school. He assisted his father in farm work until 1867 and then rented a place, of which he had charge until 1893. In the year named he located on section 32, Western Mound township, which has since been his home. He has spent his entire life under three roofs and owns his birthplace and nine hundred and ninety-seven acres of land in Western Mound township, upon which he has erected six sets of buildings. He also owns five hundred acres of land in Kansas, and is interested in real estate at Carlinville and Medora, Illinois, and Valley Center and Wichita, Kansas. He has been a breeder of Percheron horses since 1864 and some of the finest stock of this kind in Illinois is to be found on his farm. He has also for many years been a large feeder of various kinds of stock for the market.

In 1867 Mr. Loper was married to Miss Virginia Carr, a daughter of Macabeus and Mary (Bates) Carr, who were pioneers of Macoupin county. By this union five children have been born: Ary O., who married Ella Brannon, of Western Mound township; Annette, who is the wife of C. Chism, of Bird township; Mattie, who married William H. Dams, of Chesterfield township; O. B., who married Mabel Moore, of Western Mound township; and Horace G., who married Ora Rigsby, and also lives in Western Mound township.

Politically Mr. Loper follows in the footsteps of his father and is an adherent of the republican party. Religiously he is affiliated with the Baptist church. He is a member of the Masonic order and he and his wife are also connected with the Order of the Eastern Star. He has been remarkably successful in his business and ranks as a leader in one of the most flourishing sections of the state. His life has been characterized by fidelity to principle and largely controlled by a desire to enhance the comfort and happiness of others; hence he is a valued member of the community and has greatly assisted in promoting the permanent interests of those with whom he has been associated.

JAMES HENRY DAVIS, M. D.

Dr. James Henry Davis, a successful and able representative of the medical fraternity in Macoupin county, has practiced his profession at Carlinville for the past six years. His birth occurred at Shaws Point, this county, on the 11th of November, 1872, his parents being James F. and Laura (Morrison) Davis, the former a native of Loami, Illinois, and the latter of Tiffin, Ohio. Elijah Davis, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Kentucky. Being opposed to slavery, he came to Illinois and took up his abode among the earliest settlers of Loami. A year later he came to Macoupin county, entering land from the government. More extended mention of him is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Alfred Mayfield. Unto him and his wife were born the following children, namely: Jonathan, John, Abraham, James, Elizabeth, Eliza, Louan, Verlana, Julia and Lourena. James Morrison, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Pennsylvania and devoted his attention principally to farming, but also conducted a hotel and followed general merchandising. His wife bore the maiden name of Rachel Evans. They removed from Tiffin, Ohio, to Montgomery county, Illinois, and Mr. Morrison spent his last years at Virden, where he passed away at the age of eighty-six. His wife also lived to attain a ripe old age, dying while on a visit to her daughter in Virden. They were the parents of the following children: Walter, Henry, Sidney, Theodore, Mary, Caroline, Kate, Melissa, Laura and several who died in early life.

James F. Davis, the father of Dr. Davis, was brought to this county by his parents when about six weeks old and here continued to reside until the time of his death. He became an agriculturist in Shaws Point township, owning and improving a tract of four hundred acres of land. His demise occurred on the home farm on the 8th of June, 1896, when he had attained the age of sixty-two years. He held various township offices and was a devoted and consistent mem-

ber of the Christian church, to which his widow also belongs. The latter now makes her home with our subject. She has one other son, Jonathan S., who follows farming near Atwater.

James Henry Davis was reared on his father's farm in Shaws Point township and obtained his early education in the district schools. When a youth of fourteen he entered Eureka College and subsequently began the study of medicine and surgery in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, remaining in that institution for two years. During the following two years he attended the Northwestern University Medical School at Chicago and was graduated from that institution in 1897. Subsequently he took a course of hospital work in the Chicago Lying-in Hospital and the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company Hospital at Pueblo and then located for practice at Trinidad, Colorado. Going to London, England, he spent three months in the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children and later devoted sixteen months to work in a general hospital at Vienna, Austria. In 1905 he returned to the United States and opened an office at Carlinville, Illinois, which town has since remained the scene of his professional labors. He keeps in touch with the advancement that is being constantly made by the profession through his membership in the Macoupin County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On the 30th of September, 1908, Dr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Olive Gertrude Wilson, a native of Honey Point township, Macoupin county, and a daughter of John and Emma (Barnett) Wilson. They now have one son, James Wilson Davis. Dr. Davis gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, to which his wife also belongs. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Phi Rho Sigma, a college fraternity of Chicago. Both Dr. and Mrs. Davis enjoy an extensive and favorable acquaintance within the borders of their native county.

REV. JOHN W. RICE.

Rev. John W. Rice, who is now living retired in his eighty-first year at Medora and is widely known on account of his life of unselfish devotion to the welfare of others, comes of an old Virginia family. He was born near Culpeper Courthouse in Fauquier county, Virginia, October 21, 1831, and is a son of Thomas Brown and Mahala (Farrar) Rice, the former of whom was born in Fauquier county in 1806 and the latter in the western part of Virginia in 1807. The grandfather on the paternal side was James W. Rice, also a native of Virginia. He was a Revolutionary patriot and served under General Washington. Thomas Brown Rice was reared upon his father's farm and a number of years after his marriage removed to Illinois with his wife and four children, arriving at Rhoads Point, now Medora, June 20, 1835. He entered government land which he cleared and proceeded to cultivate. He was quite successful as a

farmer and at one time was the owner of about one thousand acres of good land in this county. He erected a mill at Medora which did not prove successful and was finally dismantled. He continued upon his farm until his death which occurred about 1891. Mr. Rice was a prominent man in the early days of Macoupin county and previous to the war served for eight years as associate judge. In his family were ten children: Susan, now the widow of John Cleaver, of Portland, Oregon; John W.; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Amri Vance, of Modesto, Illinois; Amanda, who married John A. Payne, of Medora; Virginia, who is the wife of Harry M. Westbrook, of New Jersey; Emma A., the widow of Van Horbeck, of Medora; Washington, who made his home at Medora and is now deceased; Thomas, who settled at Clinton, Missouri, and is also deceased; Stephen F., who is a minister of the Baptist church and resides at Medora; and Charles A., who makes his home in Jersey county.

John W. Rice was brought to Illinois by his parents early in his childhood and has spent his entire life in this state. He received his preliminary education in the public schools and assisted upon the home farm until 1858, when he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Honey Point township, which he industriously cultivated for seven years. In 1865 he disposed of his place and became connected with a mill which his father had built at Medora, continuing there until 1874. He then went to Lamar, Barton county, Missouri, where he operated a mill for several years. About 1880 he returned to Macoupin county and operated a sawmill and thresher at Macoupin. As early as 1866 he began ministerial work and continued actively as opportunity presented along the same line while pursuing his various business enterprises. On March 9, 1884, he was regularly ordained to the ministry at Mount Pleasant Baptist church of Medora and from that time gave his entire attention to the duties pertaining to the ministry, showing a zeal and efficiency that produced highly gratifying results. He retired from active labors in 1908, although he has since officiated on special occasions and is one of the most respected and beloved men in public circles of Macoupin county.

In 1852 Mr. Rice was married to Elizabeth Jane Rhoads, who was born in Kentucky and came with her parents to Rhoads Point, Illinois, about 1835. To this union nine children were born, eight of whom died in infancy, the only one living being Mary V., the wife of John A. Flat, an engineer of Toluca, Illinois. They have two children: Myrtle A., who married Charles Carver, a carpenter, of Petersburg, Illinois; and Maggie Virginia, who is living at home. Mrs. Elizabeth Rice died in 1874 and in 1898 Mr. Rice was married to Margaret (Dixon) Gilworth, widow of Louis Gilworth. She died in 1901 and in the year following Mr. Rice was married to Mrs. Frances (Parker) Simpson, widow of William Simpson. Her parents were pioneers of Macoupin county, arriving from Kentucky in 1835.

Mr. Rice is the oldest living member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 152, A. F. & A. M. He was made a Mason in 1856 and has, therefore, been identified with the order for fifty-five years, a record which few have attained. He is also an Odd Fellow and is greatly revered by his brethren of both of those beneficent orders. His study of political and social problems led him years ago to regard prohibition as the great issue of the country, and he is an ardent advocate of its

principles as a remedy for many of the gravest ills of humanity. A man of pleasing and straightforward address, he has been instrumental by his influence and example in leading many to lives of righteousness. He is justly regarded as one of the most interesting pioneers of Medora, the house in which he lived as a child in this place, which was built by his father in 1835, being one of the landmarks of the city. It is still occupied as a dwelling. Notwithstanding his advanced age, Mr. Rice is blessed with a good memory and an unusual degree of physical strength for one of his years, and it is the earnest wish of his friends that he may be spared for many years in the enjoyment of peace and happiness that fittingly crown a well-spent life.

MARSHALL M. JENKINS.

Marshall M. Jenkins, a native son of Macoupin county and one of its highly esteemed citizens, was born on the old home place, April 12, 1870, and as a result of his industry and application is able in the prime of his life to give a good account of his stewardship. His parents are George W. and Letitia (Swift) Jenkins, the former of whom is a native of Kentucky and the latter of Macoupin county. The father for many years devoted his attention actively to agriculture and stock-raising, and he and his wife are now living in a very comfortable home in South Otter township. In their family were five children: Isabel, who married David O. Crawford, of Macoupin county, and is now deceased; Luella, who is the wife of John Edwards, a farmer of this county; Marshall M., of this review; Janet, who married John C. Hart, also of Macoupin county; and Fred Arlie, a resident of this county.

After receiving his preliminary education in the district schools Marshall M. Jenkins continued with his parents upon the old homestead, assisting his father in the various operations of the farm. At twenty-two years of age he began business upon his own account by renting seventy acres of land, which he cultivated successfully for nine years. He then purchased eighty acres on section 34, North Otter township, and subsequently acquired one hundred acres in North and South Otter townships. He is now the owner of one of the highly productive farms of this section and makes a specialty of raising fine sheep and Poland China hogs. He has been a thorough student of his business and as he possessed advantages of excellent training in his earlier years, he has secured substantial returns from his labors. A man of good business capacity, he has kept pace with the progress which is visible in all lines of industry, and his farm is provided with the best modern equipment. The keynote to his prosperity is careful attention to details and a lively interest in his calling—elements that seldom fail of success in any honorable undertaking.

On the 4th of May, 1892, Mr. Jenkins was married to Miss Eliza A. Dorks, a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Slow) Dorks. The union has been blessed by the birth of one child, Mildred Lucile, whose natal day was October 23, 1899. She is now attending the public schools. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Dorks were seven children, namely: James, a resident of Greene county, Illinois; Eliz-

abeth, who married Ross Nettles, of Maxwell, Illinois; Mary Jane, who is the wife of Charles Trill, of Rockbridge, Illinois; George, who makes his home in Carlinville; Eliza, now Mrs. Marshall M. Jenkins; Florence, the wife of D. W. Pitchford, of Modesto, Illinois; and Charles E., of Palmyra.

In politics Mr. Jenkins supports the principles and candidates of the democratic party, believing that in so doing he is best advancing the permanent welfare of the country. He is an earnest believer in the Christian religion and his faith is indicated by membership in the Baptist church, of which he is a liberal supporter. He has never sought the honors of office, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his farm, and judging by the result, he has chosen the wiser course, as he possesses an independence which an office-holder can scarcely hope to attain. As a prosperous farmer and a public-spirited citizen he occupies an enviable place in the community and can confidently look forward to many years of increasing usefulness and responsibility.

RICHARD WELCH.

Few residents of Macoupin county have attained a greater measure of success than Richard Welch, who during his active connection with business interests in this county was identified with various enterprises, all of which felt the stimulus of his keen business sagacity. He is one of England's contributions to the citizenship of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Dorchestershire, England, on the 5th of March, 1834. His parents were Joseph and Precilla (Reader) Welch, also natives of that portion of England, where the mother's death occurred. The father, however, crossed the Atlantic to America a few years prior to his demise. In their family were six children, namely: John and Mary, both deceased; Richard, of this review; William, residing at Primghar, Iowa; Hannah, who has also passed away; and Elizabeth, of England.

Richard Welch attended the common schools of England in the acquirement of his education, remaining a pupil therein until twelve years of age. He then began earning his own livelihood, his initial step in the business world being in connection with agricultural pursuits. He engaged at farm work until 1857 and then, desiring to find better opportunities for advancement than were afforded by his native country, he sought the opportunities of the new world, coming to the United States when about twenty-three years of age. He located first at Alton, Illinois, where he remained until 1861 when, at the opening of hostilities between the north and south, he joined Company I, Fifty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry and for three years was at the front, serving in the thickest of the fight. He was in the battle of Pea Ridge, and soon after was wounded in a naval engagement in Louisiana. Up to the time he was wounded he had participated in fifty important skirmishes. He was honorably discharged at the expiration of his term of service and upon returning to civic life located at Woodburn, Macoupin county, and there for many years was identified with a general merchandise enterprise, his efforts in that direction resulting in unusual success. He was likewise interested in real estate in Woodburn and Bunker Hill and various other en-

terprises which yet engage his attention although about a year ago he retired from the mercantile field and took up his residence in Bunker Hill, where he now makes his home.

In 1864 occurred the marriage of Mr. Welch to Miss Grace E. Eddington, a native of England who came to the United States when only one year old, her parents taking up their abode on a farm in Macoupin county. Unto this union have been born nine children, as follows: Richard Eddington, a merchant of Bunker Hill; J. H., engaged in the merchandise business at Benld, this county; L. M. and Stella, both at home; Olive B., the wife of C. A. Wood, of Shipman; A. T., a merchant of Woodburn, Illinois; C. A., engaged in teaching in Bunker Hill; J. A., a farmer of Madison county; and R. R., a railroad fireman. The parents hold membership in the Congregational church while the political support of Mr. Welch is given unfalteringly to the republican party. Although he has never cared to figure prominently in the public life of the community, he served as postmaster at Woodburn for thirteen years. Nevertheless he has ever felt deeply interested in those matters which engage the attention of public-spirited and progressive citizens of today, and at all time casts the weight of his influence on the side of those projects which tend toward advancement and improvement in civic affairs. Progress and patriotism have been the keynote to his career and the success which today ranks him among the most prosperous citizens of Macoupin county has come as the result of a life characterized by the most honorable methods and high ideals.

LAFAYETTE HAMPTON.

Lafayette Hampton, a farmer and merchant of Macoupin, who has practically demonstrated his ability as a business man and his worth as a citizen, is a native of Tennessee but has been a resident of Macoupin county since his boyhood. He is of English descent on the paternal side and was born near Knoxville, in Blount county, Tennessee, April 19, 1848, a son of William M. and Martha Caroline (Alberson) Hampton. The father was born in North Carolina and the mother in South Carolina. He removed to Tennessee when a young man and was there married, subsequently coming with his family to Macoupin county, Illinois. He was engaged in farming in Brushy Mound township at the outbreak of the Civil war and, although a native of the south, he was a stanch Union man and offered his services to his country, enlisting at Chicago in the One hundred and thirteenth Illinois Infantry. He participated with his regiment in the siege and capture of Vicksburg but, on account of the hardships and exposures incidental to army life, he was taken with typhoid fever and died at Corinth, Mississippi. The mother passed away about thirty years ago, while making her home with her son Lafayette. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hampton were five children: Emeline, who married Charles Fones, of Polk township; Lafayette, of this review; Allen M., who is engaged in farming at Ironton, Iron county, Missouri; William Irvin, who is living upon a land claim in South Dakota; and Nancy E., who is deceased.

In the district schools of Macoupin county Lafayette Hampton secured his early education. His opportunities for mental training in youth were limited, as he was obliged to work in a woolen mill in order to assist in the support of the family and thus early became acquainted with long hours of labor. He continued with his mother until twenty-five years of age and then began farming in Polk township, later removing to Brushy Mound township. In 1900 he purchased forty acres on section 23 of Bird township, upon which he established his home. He also owns twenty-six acres of valuable farming land in the same township and a store building which he erected at Macoupin. He carries a well selected stock of groceries and, as he is a man of good address and excellent business judgment, the venture has proved successful. He also cultivates his farm and makes a specialty of blooded hogs for which he finds a ready market.

In 1872, Mr. Hampton was married to Miss Emily Davidson, a native of Macoupin county, and to this union eleven children have been born, namely: Joseph Edward, who is deceased; Mary, who is living at home; Albert Wesley, who is now engaged in farming in Hilyard township; Allen, a blacksmith of Woodburn, Illinois; Melvin E. and Raymond, both of whom are at home; and Julia, Thomas, Anna, Herbert and Edward, all of whom are deceased.

Mr. Hampton is a stanch advocate of the republican party and, while he has not urged his claims for public office, he has served as constable for five years. He takes a great interest in religious affairs and is a valued member of the Missionary Baptist church. From his youth he has been identified with agriculture and stockraising and has always been enterprising and energetic in his business and thoroughly reliable in all his dealings. All who know him speak in terms of praise, and no man more worthily merits the gifts of fortune.

GENERAL JOHN I. RINAKER.

The story of General John I. Rinaker's life is one of eastern thrift and business sagacity grafted on western energy, enterprise and adventure. The early death of his parents threw him upon his own resources and not one in a thousand who have enjoyed his modest advantages have turned them to such excellent account. The wisdom, energy and success with which he pushed his way along are a study for American youths. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1830, and in 1837 became a resident of Illinois, residing in Sangamon county until 1840. Agricultural pursuits next claimed his attention through the summer months in the vicinity of Franklin, Morgan county, while in the winter seasons he attended the public schools. Thus time passed until he reached the age of nineteen years and, thinking that he could make no better use of his earnings than by using the sum for the attainment of better educational advantages, he matriculated in the Illinois College at Jacksonville. While farm labor at a previous date enabled him to partially meet his expenses, he added to his financial resources by teaching school ere his college course was completed. In 1850 he enrolled for the scientific course in McKendree College at Lebanon, Illinois, and was graduated in 1851. In the fall of the succeeding year he came to Carlin-

ville and took up the study of law with John M. Palmer as his preceptor. In the year 1854 he won admission to the bar, permitting him to practice in all the courts of Illinois, and from that time until the inauguration of hostilities between the north and the south his undivided attention was given to a growing law practice, his work in the courts demonstrating his ability and the thoroughness with which he prepared and handled his cases.

With the outbreak of the Civil war, however, all other interests were put aside and in 1862 General Rinaker raised a regiment of men, which was organized in August of that year at Camp Palmer and became known as the One Hundred and Twenty-second Regiment of Illinois Infantry. He was elected and commissioned colonel and on the 4th of September, 1862, with his regiment was mustered into service and ordered to report for duty at Columbus, Kentucky. Thence he proceeded to Trenton, Tennessee, and in December following with his command moved to the defense of Jackson against Forrest. A contemporary biographer has given the following account of his military service:

"The command marched in pursuit of the enemy to Lexington, Tennessee, after which they returned to Jackson. On the 27th of December they went in pursuit of Forrest, who had attacked the hospitals at Trenton, and captured the sick and about sixty enlisted men of the regiment. At Parker's Cross Roads they met the enemy and a fight ensued, in which they, in connection with other troops, drove the enemy from the grounds, and captured seven pieces of artillery and five hundred prisoners. In this engagement Colonel Rinaker was severely wounded. The command to which the regiment belonged moved in February, 1863, to Corinth and from that time to the close of the war it constituted a part of the Army of the Tennessee and shared the fortunes of the Sixteenth Army Corps, either with the right or left wing. In January, 1864, a part of the regiment was stationed at Paducah and a part at Cairo. Colonel Rinaker was then assigned the command of the post at Cairo and remained there until June, 1864, when he was ordered with his regiment to Memphis and thence to La Grange, where it joined the forces under General A. J. Smith, who was then commanding two divisions of the Sixteenth Army Corps, and became a part of The First Brigade, Second Division, Sixteenth Army Corps. Colonel Rinaker commanded the regiment in the battle of Tupelo, Mississippi, on the 14th of July, 1864, where his regiment lost nine killed and twenty-four wounded. His regiment held the most advanced and exposed part and center of the federal line and held it successfully against repeated attacks of the rebel enemy under S. D. Lee and N. B. Forrest. The rebels were utterly defeated at Tupelo. After the battle he went with his regiment to Missouri and took part in the hardships of the campaign against Price's command in the fall of 1864. After the campaign closed in Missouri the command returned to St. Louis and embarked for Nashville, Tennessee, where they arrived November 24. They were still a part of General Smith's command, then known as a detachment of the Army of the Tennessee. In December following they fought and assisted in annihilating Hood's army and followed in pursuit of the enemy as far as Eastport, Mississippi. In February, 1865, he was placed in command of the First Brigade, Second Division, Sixteenth Army Corps, and with his brigade embarked for New Orleans and then took part with the forces in the campaign

against Mobile. In April they were a part of the command that stormed the works of Fort Blakely. And here it would be proper to state that the responsibility of making the assault on the works was thrown on General Rinaker. As Canby, the general commanding, had given orders that no effort should be made to assault, General A. J. Smith, commanding the Sixteenth Army Corps, desired that General Garrard's division should assault the enemy's works, yet was not in a position to issue an order to that effect; so it was agreed that if that division would attack General Smith would back it up with Carr and McArthur's divisions if necessary; and at General Garrard's headquarters it was agreed that if Rinaker would make the attack with his brigade he should be supported by the rest of the division. Rinaker held a position nearest the enemy's works, so led the assault, and his brigade carried the works in its front and broke the enemy's line, capturing twenty-two pieces of artillery and a large number of prisoners, when the movement was taken up by the rest of the line and Blakely fell, and a way was thus opened so that, without firing another shot, our ships moved unvexed into the wharves of Mobile. For this meritorious service he was recommended for and received promotion. From Blakely the command was ordered to Montgomery and thence to Mobile, where the One Hundred and Twenty-second Regiment was mustered out of the service July 15, 1865, and was finally discharged at Springfield, Illinois, August 4, 1865. General Rinaker was breveted and promoted brigadier general for gallant and meritorious conduct to date from March 13, 1865. During his career in the army he made for himself an honorable record, being distinguished for that cool courage that always wins. Well may the soldiers of that war who bravely defended the stars and stripes look back on their military record with pleasure. They have done a noble service; and, living or dead, a grateful country will honor them."

While ever a faithful soldier, General Rinaker gladly resumed the practice of law with the return of peace and throughout the intervening years has remained a most prominent member of the Carlinville bar. He never seems to neglect a point which will bear upon his cause and at the same time he gives due relative emphasis to every point advanced. His gift of oratory is an element of his success and it is employed with equal force on the political hustings, for he has long been regarded as one of the effective speakers of the state. He has served as presidential elector for the district in which he resides and in 1876 was one of the presidential electors for the state at large. He voted with the democracy until 1858, when with the growth of new issues and the discussion of more vital problems, he joined the ranks of the republican party, which, however, at that time did not constitute a third of the voting population of Macoupin county nor of any county south of Springfield. General Rinaker felt, however, that the democratic party was used simply as the bulwark of slavery and that it no longer held to the tenets of Jefferson and Jackson but advanced the ideas of the slave propagandists and the advocates of nullification and secession. He, therefore, did not hesitate to sever his allegiance with the party which he had hitherto supported and joined forces with the organization formed to prevent the further extension of slavery and the suppression of the secession movement. In 1874 the republican party nominated him for Con-

gress but he was defeated. However, his popularity was evidenced in the fact that he ran three hundred and fifty votes ahead of his ticket in Macoupin county. In 1894 he was more successful, as he was returned by his district as a member of Congress and served in that body with commendable zeal and credit.

On the 16th of October, 1855, General Rinaker was married to Miss Clarissa Keplinger, who was born in a log cabin on a farm near Franklin, Morgan county, Illinois, July 18, 1834. Her parents were Samuel and Permelia (Green) Keplinger, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Ohio. John Green, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Rinaker, left Virginia in order to get away from slavery influences. He was born in Virginia and was of English descent. He was both a farmer and preacher and filled the office of justice of the peace. He married Susanna Winter, whose father was of Holland Dutch descent. Susanna Winter was born in Maryland and was married in Rockingham county, Virginia, whence a removal was made to Knox county, Ohio, in 1805, occasioned by the opposition of John Green to slavery. In 1822 they became residents of Morgan county, Illinois, settling on a farm near Jacksonville, where they built the first brick house in the county, it remaining their home until their death. They had ten children, including Permelia, who became the wife of Samuel Keplinger. He was a son of John Keplinger, who was born in Maryland and was both a farmer and miller, operating a mill in Maryland, Tennessee and Illinois. He hired a substitute for the war of 1812. He married Elizabeth Rubel and after rearing several children they passed away in Morgan county. Both the Keplingers and Rubels were of German descent. This couple were the paternal grandparents of Mrs. Rinaker. Her father, Samuel Keplinger, was a blacksmith by trade and about 1828, when eighteen years of age, removed from Tennessee to Illinois. He purchased land near Franklin and followed farming and at the same time conducted a smithy, being an expert blacksmith. He eventually gave up the trade, however, to devote his undivided attention to agricultural pursuits. He was born June 22, 1809, and died on the old home place in 1886, at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife was born in Knox county, Ohio, in 1811 and died on the home farm in Morgan county, Illinois, in July, 1884, at the age of seventy-three years. Both were members of the Methodist church. Of their family of twelve children eight lived to adult age and five still survive, namely: Mrs. Rinaker, who was the eldest; Hardin G., a banker of Franklin, Illinois; Lewis W., who practices law in Kansas City, Kansas; Martin Luther, a lawyer of Carlinville; and Ella, the wife of John W. Smith, of Kidder, Missouri.

Mrs. Rinaker was reared in Morgan county, was a student in the Illinois Conference Female Academy and began teaching when not quite sixteen years of age. On the 16th of October, 1855, she became the wife of General Rinaker and unto them were born five children, of whom the eldest, Mary Virginia, died in infancy. Thomas, the second in order of birth, now in partnership with his father in the practice of law, married Fannie Kelly, of Kankakee, Illinois, and they have four children, Clarissa, Harriet, Thomas K. and Janet. Samuel Rinaker, also a lawyer now residing in Beatrice, Nebraska, married Carrie Mayo and has two children, Samuel M. and Carrie. John I., an architect of Spring-

field, wedded Nellie Otwell and they have two children, Dorothy S. and John I. Lewis, a lawyer of Chicago, who for four years was county judge, married Olive M. Vancil and they had six children, of whom four are living, Virginia, Winifred, Isabel and Robert.

Throughout the period of his residence in Illinois General Rinaker has held a high position in the regard of his fellowmen. His political position has never made him social enemies and, although others have differed from him in opinion he has ever had high appreciation for the genuine worth of his fellowmen. He possesses fine conversational powers and above all his sense of justice and high principles have gained for him his present position in public regard—a position that any might well envy.

JAMES ALLEN McCLURE.

James Allen McClure, the present mayor of Carlinville, has resided in that town for the past fifteen years and has devoted his attention to real estate and other interests. His birth occurred in Carlinville, Illinois, on the 7th of August, 1859, his parents being Milton and Martha K. (Neale) McClure. The father was born at Nicholasville, Jessamine county, Kentucky, in 1832, while the mother was a native of Springfield, Illinois. Although a native of the Blue Grass state, Milton McClure was descended from an old Virginia family and his ancestors were men of education and worth. His grandfather, the Rev. Allen McClure, united with the Presbyterian church and in early manhood became a minister of that denomination. He took up his abode among the early settlers of Kentucky and was one of the original members of the first synod of the Presbyterian church of that state. As a pioneer preacher of Paris, Bourbon county, he did noble and effective work. His son, James Allen McClure, the father of Milton McClure, was born in Augusta county, Virginia, and was still quite young when the family removed to Kentucky. He was educated for the ministry but did not choose to follow that profession, preferring a mercantile life. In Jessamine county he wedded Miss Frances Dickerson, a native of that county and a daughter of Martin and Rebecca Dickerson. Some years later he removed to Shelbyville, Tennessee, and there engaged in merchandising, also conducting branch stores at other places. Unfortunately, however, he lost his property and about 1828 returned to Kentucky, remaining in Jessamine county until 1834. In that year he came to Illinois, traveling via the Kentucky and Mississippi rivers to Columbiana, Greene county. He made his home in Carrollton for one year and then joined the pioneers of Macoupin county, entering government land in Carlinville township. Taking up a claim of one hundred and twenty acres, he erected thereon a double log house. His children improved the land and he remained thereon until after the death of his wife, which occurred in 1844. The same year he was appointed clerk in the land office at Washington, D. C., by President Polk and, being reappointed by President Taylor, served in that capacity until his demise in 1849. He acted as assessor of Macoupin county at an early day, visiting every family, and in 1840 took the

county census. Unto him and his wife were born six sons and six daughters.

Milton McClure, the father of the gentleman whose name introduces this review, was brought to Macoupin county during his infancy and assisted in the work of the home farm as soon as his age and strength permitted. His primary education was acquired under the direction of his father and in an old-fashioned log schoolhouse where writing was done with a quill pen. The methods of instruction were very primitive as compared to those of the present day. When a youth of fourteen he became a student at Carlinville and two years later entered Shurtleff College at Upper Alton, remaining in that institution for three years and receiving a recommendation from the faculty as a competent teacher. Instead, however, he became a clerk in the drug store of his brother-in-law, Dr. L. J. Woods, and studied medicine when his clerical duties would permit. A year later he became a dry-goods clerk, being employed in that capacity until 1856, when he was elected sheriff of Macoupin county. He held the office for two years and was afterward engaged in business as a merchant and live stock dealer until 1863. From that time until 1889 he carried on a successful enterprise as the proprietor of a drug store, eventually selling out in order that he might enjoy more leisure. Agricultural interests always claimed his attention and he owned a farm of four hundred and eighty acres. In 1865 he was appointed United States commissioner by President Johnson, serving in that capacity for a number of years. He acted as president of the First National Bank of Carlinville for twenty-five years and assisted in the organization of the Carlinville National Bank, of which institution he was a director. Milton McClure was a member of the village board of trustees and also acted as justice of the peace for about twelve years. In 1872 he was sent as a delegate to the democratic national convention at Baltimore, while in 1884 he was elected to the state board of equalization, remaining a member thereof for four years. During the last few years of his life he lived retired, passing away at Carlinville in January, 1903, in the faith of the Presbyterian church. The county thus lost one of its most prominent, influential and respected citizens—one who had promoted its various interests in no uncertain degree. In 1854 he had wedded Miss Martha K. Neale, a daughter of General Thomas M. Neale, who served as a general in the Black Hawk war and was at one time associated with Abraham Lincoln in the practice of law at Springfield, where his demise occurred in early manhood. Mrs. Martha K. McClure died at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on the 3d of March, 1908, when seventy-three years of age, passing away in the faith of the Baptist church. She was the mother of two children, namely: James Allen, of this review; and Harriet B., the deceased wife of Thomas Mellersh.

James Allen McClure was reared in Carlinville and obtained his early education in the public schools, later entering Blackburn University, of which institution he is a graduate. After putting aside his text-books he worked in his father's drug store and later went to St. Louis, where he was the proprietor of a brokerage house for a number of years. Subsequently he went to San Francisco and on leaving the western coast returned to St. Louis. For the past fifteen years, however, he has made his home in Carlinville, devoting his attention to real estate and other interests. He owns farm lands in Carlinville

and Shaws Point township and also has extensive holdings in Texas and Minnesota.

In 1905 Mr. McClure was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Agnes Davis, of Carthage, Missouri, her father being Landon Davis. Mr. McClure is a staunch democrat in politics and on the 17th of April, 1911, was elected mayor of Carlinville, in which capacity he is now serving, exercising his official prerogatives in support of many measures of reform and improvement. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, belonging to Orient Lodge. He is well known and highly esteemed throughout his native county and is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family.

WILLIAM A. TROUT, M. D.

Thirty years ago Dr. William A. Trout began the practice of medicine at Atwater, and he has ever since continued at the same place, acquiring a reputation as a physician and surgeon seldom accorded to practitioners outside of the large cities. He has prospered financially and he and his family occupy the finest residence at Atwater.

He was born in St. Charles county, Missouri, June 14, 1853, a son of Elkanah D. and America C. (Anderson) Trout, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. The father emigrated to Missouri and later came with his family to Macoupin county, arriving in this locality after the close of the Civil war, in 1865. He purchased forty acres of unimproved land in Shaws Point township, which he cleared and improved, later acquiring more land, until he became the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He continued on this place during the remainder of his life, being called away March 16, 1902, at the age of eighty-six years. Mrs. Trout survived her husband seven years and died October 23, 1909. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Trout were seven children, three of whom besides the subject of this review are now living, namely: Dr. A. L. Trout, who is engaged in active practice at Walsenburg, Colorado; Mrs. J. P. Enslow, who lives at Atwater; and Mrs. Harriet M. McIntyre, of Litchfield, Illinois.

William A. Trout was reared in Missouri the first twelve years of his life and has since made his home in Illinois. He received his preliminary education in the district schools, and applied himself to his studies with such diligence that he became a teacher and engaged in that vocation for one year. Not being satisfied with the restraints of the schoolroom, he gave up the idea of being a schoolmaster and for four years devoted his attention to farming. In the meantime, however, he discovered that his inclinations pointed to a medical career and, having made the necessary preparations, he matriculated in the Missouri Medical College, which is now a department of Washington University at St. Louis, and, after completing the regular course at that institution, was graduated March 2, 1881, with the degree of M. D. He began practice at Atwater and has continued at this place without interruption. He is the only physician in the town and his services are in demand throughout a wide region in Macoupin

and adjoining counties. He stands in high favor with other physicians and is often called into consultation on difficult and complicated cases. Professionally he holds membership in the American Medical Association, the Illinois State Medical Society and the Macoupin County Medical Society. Soon after taking up his residence at Atwater he opened a drug store, and he has ever since been identified with that line of business. He is a regular pharmacist and his store is well patronized, as people know that they can here receive what they call for, and that the quality will be the best that can be found in the market. Dr. Trout owns the building in which the store is located, and is also the owner of two hundred and sixty acres of farm land in the state of Mississippi and four hundred and eighty acres in Kansas. He is a stockholder and director of the Bank of Atwater, which is capitalized at ten thousand, five hundred dollars and is a highly flourishing institution.

On the 11th of September, 1895, Dr. Trout was married to Miss Mary Thomas, a daughter of A. J. and Mary (McIntyre) Thomas, both of whom were born in Mississippi. The father was for many years engaged in farming in his native state and died at his old homestead in 1904, after reaching the age of seventy-two years. The mother is still living and resides on the home farm near Jackson, Mississippi. She is seventy-six years of age and is one of the highly honored members of the community.

Dr. Trout is prominent in the Masonic order, being a member of the blue lodge at Raymond and the Knights Templar lodge at Litchfield, Illinois. Politically he has, ever since he cast his first ballot, been a supporter of the democratic party and religiously, he and his wife, affiliate with the Christian church. His record is a striking illustration of the effect of energy and ability controlled by worthy ambition and applied to noble ends. Thoroughly trained as a young man for the duties of his profession, he has made a success of it and, as he also possesses the business instinct, he has accumulated valuable property and has gained high standing among the business men of the county. In all his dealings he has been thoroughly honest and upright, and thus he laid a secure foundation for the splendid reputation which he today enjoys.

ANDREW C. ROSENTERER.

Andrew C. Rosentreter, a popular young business man of Carlinville, was born in this city February 10, 1885, and has become an acknowledged factor in commercial circles of a community where he has been known from his boyhood. He is a descendant of worthy German ancestry, his parents being Andrew and Rosa (Schultz) Rosentreter, both of whom were born in Germany. The father grew to maturity in the old country and engaged in farming; but believing that conditions were more favorable in America, he emigrated to this country and for two years rented land in Brushy Mound township, Macoupin county. He then moved to Carlinville township, where he now lives, in the successful pursuit of a calling with which he has been closely identified ever since his youth.

Mr. Rosentreter of this sketch was reared in a family of ten children and was early taught lessons of industry and perseverance which assisted very materially in the formation of his character. He attended the district schools and also the public schools of Carlinville and carried his studies further at Springfield, Illinois, where he pursued a course in the Illinois Business College. After returning from this institution he assisted his father for two years on the home farm and then came to Carlinville, associating with W. A. Green in the confectionery and ice cream business. They continued together until August 3, 1911, when Mr. Rosentreter purchased the interest of his partner, and has since conducted the business in his own name. He is a man of good taste and his establishment is one of the most attractive of the kind in the city. As the result of his careful attention to the wants of customers he enjoys a large and lucrative patronage.

Fraternally Mr. Rosentreter is a valued member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Columbus. Politically he is an earnest advocate of the principles of the democratic party and is now serving as tax collector of Carlinville township. His religious belief is indicated by membership in the Roman Catholic church. As a youth he was imbued with the worthy ambition to gain an honorable standing among his fellow men and, although he is now only twenty-six years of age, he finds himself at the head of a business which gives every promise of steady development. His many friends confidently prophesy for him continued progress.

AUSTIN LANDON.

For nearly thirty years Austin Landon, now deceased, was a resident of Sangamon and Macoupin counties, and few men in the community have been more highly respected. He was remarkably successful as a farmer and stock-raiser and in all his relations showed a breadth of spirit and an appreciation of the feelings and rights of others which marked him as a natural leader in the community. His death, which occurred July 21, 1910, when he was seventy years of age, occasioned profound regret among a wide circle of friends, and his memory will ever be sacredly cherished by those who had the honor of his acquaintance.

Born in Jersey county, Illinois, December 23, 1839, he was a son of William and Alvira (Cory) Landon. The parents were both natives of Vermont and came to Illinois at an early day. The mother was twice married, her first husband being a Mr. Cowan. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Landon, namely: Edward, deceased; Austin, of this review; Oscar, also deceased; Alice, who is the wife of B. F. Workman, of Auburn, Illinois; Horace, who also lives at Auburn; Mary, who married Marion Cowan, of Jersey county; Emma, the wife of John Everts, of Missouri; Truman, deceased; William, a resident of Jersey county; and Sarah, who married T. S. Chapman, of Jersey county.

Austin Landon was reared upon his father's farm and in the district schools secured the foundation of an education. After attaining his majority he took charge of a farm belonging to his father and later purchased one hundred and



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sixty acres of land in Sangamon county, applying himself with such judgment and ability that he became the owner of nineteen hundred acres of valuable land, three hundred and twenty acres of which constituted the old home place in Jersey county, the remainder of his land holdings being in Sangamon county. He engaged in general farming and made a specialty of raising shorthorn cattle, in which he was fairly successful. He became the owner of a beautiful home at Virden, to which he moved with his family in 1882, making his residence in this city during the remainder of his life.

On March 27, 1866, Mr. Landon was married to Miss Alma Argo, a daughter of William and Clarissa (Bigelow) Argo, both of whom were natives of Vermont. By this union one child was born, Clara, who is now the wife of George McNaught and resides upon the old home place in Sangamon county. The father of Mrs. Landon came to Illinois with his family and settled upon a farm in Fulton county, becoming one of the prominent men of the community. There were ten children in his family, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Jerome, now deceased; Alma, now Mrs. Austin Landon; Adrian, deceased; Alice, who is the wife of William Rush, of Arkansas; Emily J., who married Frank Vansell, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Ernest, who is living in St. Louis; Loren, a resident of Kansas; and Lucius, who makes his home at Auburn, Illinois.

Mr. Landon of this review was a staunch believer in the Bible and was a member of the Methodist church, whose teachings had an important influence in shaping his life. He gave his support to the republican party and, being a man of earnest convictions, there was never any doubt as to where he stood on important matters affecting the community or the state. He was diligent in his business, a lover of his home and his country, and never hesitated to make any personal sacrifice if it added to the happiness of those with whom he was associated. No record of Macoupin county would be complete without adequate mention of Austin Landon and the part he performed in the development of this section of the state, with which he was closely identified during all the years of an active and useful life.

ADDISON H. ELDRED.

Addison H. Eldred, who dates his residence in Macoupin county from the spring of 1856, was actively identified with general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career but for the past two decades has lived retired at No. 405 Johnson street in Carlinville. His birth occurred in Greene county, Illinois, on the 1st of December, 1828, his parents being Moses S. and Clarissa (Brace) Eldred, both of whom were natives of Herkimer county, New York. The paternal grandfather, Moses Eldred, was a native of Massachusetts and a farmer by occupation. He manufactured nails in the winter and devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits during the summer months. Both he and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Alice Stuart, passed away in Herkimer county, New York. Their children were as follows: Rufus, Addison, Moses S., Myron, Augustus, Flora, Fidelia and Carsena. Moses Eldred belonged to the Home

Guard State Militia. Jeduthan Brace, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Litchfield, Connecticut. He came to Illinois in 1828, joined his daughter in Greene county and assisted in erecting the house in which they lived. His demise occurred in Greene county when he had attained the age of eighty-four years, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Clarissa Bushnell, there passed away when about seventy years old. Their children were three in number: Leonard, who participated in the war of 1812 as a musician: Ruth; and Clarissa.

Moses S. Eldred, the father of Addison H. Eldred, was a farmer by occupation and came west to Illinois in June, 1828, settling in Greene county, where he purchased land and improved a farm. There he died when thirty-three years of age, passing away in the faith of the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belonged. The latter was married a second time, becoming the wife of a Mr. Corbin, by whom she had one son, Lucius B. Corbin, who is now a resident of Polk township. Our subject was one of four sons who grew to maturity, the others being as follows: Moses S., who is a resident of Carlinville; Julius Augustus, living in Polk township; and James L., who passed away when twenty-two years of age.

Addison H. Eldred was reared on the farm which his father purchased in Greene county and obtained his education in one of the old-fashioned schools, sitting on a slab seat. This was at a time when the teacher "boarded round" among the pupils. He remained with his mother until after he had attained man's estate, when he was married and started out as an agriculturist on his own account, his interest in the old home place being thirteen and a half acres of cleared land. Subsequently he purchased his mother's dower and began farming in association with his brother Moses, with whom he has always lived. In the spring of 1856 they sold out and came to Macoupin county, here owning a farm of four eighty-acre tracts. For five years they occupied a double log cabin which stood on the place and then erected a commodious and substantial brick building, which is also still standing. Addison H. Eldred was the first man in Macoupin county to put in tile. On the 14th of February, 1891, he and his brother disposed of their farming interests and took up their abode in Carlinville, where they have resided continuously since in a beautiful home which they erected.

On the 3d of March, 1851, Mr. Eldred was united in marriage to Miss Laura Woolley, who was born in Greene county, Illinois, on the 27th of September, 1829, her parents being Deacon David and Laura (Hodge) Woolley, natives of Washington county, New York. Her paternal grandfather, Tilton Woolley, was a miller by trade. Unto him and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Deborah Slocum, were born six children, namely: David, Fitzgerald, Peter, Katie, Abigail and Nancy. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Eldred, Asahel and Sallie (Bull) Hodge had the following children: John, Epiphra, Horatio and Laura. The parents of Mrs. Eldred took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Greene county, Illinois, removing there in 1822. Deacon David Woolley there passed away in 1860, when seventy-four years of age, while the demise of his wife occurred in Polk township, Macoupin county, in 1877, when she had attained the age of eighty-one years. They had nine children who reached maturity and were married, namely: John, James, Norman, Edwin, Emeline, Maria,

Laura, Julia, and Charles. Unto our subject and his wife were born two sons: Myron, who died when a youth of thirteen; and Milton, who passed away when but three months old. Mr. Eldred gives his political allegiance to the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. He is now in the eighty-third year of his age and is well known throughout the community as one of its most respected and leading residents.

JONATHAN S. DAVIS.

Jonathan S. Davis is one of the well known farmers and land owners of Macoupin county, who by his thorough knowledge of agriculture and stock-raising and sound business methods has taken an advanced place among the men of the county. He was born in Shaws Point township March 7, 1868, being the eldest of two sons of James F. and Laura M. (Morrison) Davis. The father was a native of Loami, Illinois, and the mother of Tiffin, Ohio. James F. Davis was brought to Macoupin county in his infancy by his parents and spent his entire life in this county, becoming the owner of a fine farm of four hundred acres in Shaws Point township. He died June 8, 1896, at the age of sixty-two years, but Mrs. Davis is still living and makes her home with her youngest son James Henry, a physician of Carlinville, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. She has for many years been an earnest member of the Christian church, as was also her husband.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Elijah Davis, who was born in Kentucky, June 23, 1787. He married Catherine Miller, also a native of Kentucky, born in October, 1790. Mr. Davis was opposed to slavery, and he and his wife were among the early settlers of Carlinville, Macoupin county, Illinois. In 1834 he entered land in Shaws Point township, which has ever since been in possession of the family. This land he cleared and improved, developing it into one of the productive farms of the township. He died December 14, 1843, being survived by his wife until July 10, 1859. They were worthy representatives of the fearless spirits that braved the hardships of the frontier, and here established homes in what is now one of the most prosperous sections of the state. After the death of its original owner the farm was purchased by Jonathan Davis, an uncle of our subject. In 1890 it was willed to Jonathan S. and James Henry Davis.

Mr. Davis of this review has from his earliest recollection been identified with agricultural pursuits. He received his preliminary education in the public schools and later attended the University of Illinois and the college at Eureka, Illinois. He and his brother have been in charge of the home place continuously for many years, except for five years, when the former was engaged in settling up estates, and they are now the owners of over one thousand acres in this county. Mr. Davis raises two hundred head of hogs yearly, keeps from fifteen to thirty head of horses and also is extensively engaged in the cattle business. He has shown special aptitude for the calling to which he has devoted his best

thought and energy, and ranks as one of the leading farmers and stock-raisers of this section of the state.

On January 15, 1901, Mr. Davis was married to Miss Ida Pease, of Waverly, Illinois, a daughter of Epaphras and Abbigo (Perrime) Pease, the former of whom was born in Ohio and the latter in New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are the parents of four children, namely: Elizabeth Helen, who was born October 23, 1901; Jonathan E., born March 22, 1903; May C., born August 27, 1905; and Henry Franklin, born January 22, 1909.

Mr. Pease, the father of Mrs. Davis, was a son of Abram and Phoebe Pease. He came with his parents to Morgan county, Illinois, in the pioneer days. The father entered land, which he cleared and improved, spending the remainder of his life upon the farm. He died in 1878. Epaphras Pease purchased land at an early day when it was cheap and actively engaged in farming until 1901. He moved to Waverly, Illinois, however, in 1880, and still resides at that place, having arrived at the age of eighty-three years. The mother died July 12, 1880.

Politically Mr. Davis gives his allegiance to the republican party and in religious belief he and his family are affiliated with the Christian church. He is a strong advocate of education, having been for many years a close observer of its benefits, and he is now serving as member of the school board. He has for many years been actively connected with the Masonic order. He is abreast of the times in the latest ideas relating to his calling, and brings to his work a careful and well trained mind. These qualifications have contributed in a marked degree to the gratifying success he has attained.

SAMUEL E. FRENCH.

As a young man of eighteen Samuel E. French came west from one of the long established states of the Atlantic coast and, having now arrived at the prime of life, finds himself in possession of a competency. He is the owner of one of the valuable farms of Macoupin county and he has no reason to regret locating permanently in Illinois. He was born near Woodstown, in Salem county, New Jersey, June 1, 1861, a son of Hewlings and Mary Amanda (Summerill) French, both of whom were born in Salem county, New Jersey, the former in March, 1832. The name of the grandfather of our subject was Samuel E. French. He was born in 1799 near Gloucester in Gloucester county, New Jersey. He married Sarah Graff, of the same county, who was born about 1800. Mr. French died in 1874, his wife having been called away four years previous. The family came originally from Scotland, six brothers settling in Gloucester county, New Jersey, and from that center members of the family have gone forth to many parts of the Union. Samuel E. French was a farmer, as was also his father, and moved to Salem county, New Jersey, shortly after his marriage, and here he spent the remainder of his life. He had three children: Hewlings; Elizabeth, who married Frank Izard, of Gloucester county and is now deceased; and Joseph G., a resident of Penn Grove, New Jersey.

Hewlings French, the father of our subject, was reared on the paternal farm and after arriving at manhood purchased land and engaged in farming on his own account. In 1886 he came to Illinois with his family and took up his residence near Litchfield, in Macoupin county. Two years later he moved to Shipman township and purchased eighty acres in section 12, where he made his home until 1894. He then moved to Shipman and later disposed of his land in this state, returning to Salem county, New Jersey, where his death occurred October 28, 1906, at the age of seventy-four years. He was successful as a farmer and owned a valuable place in New Jersey. The mother of our subject, Mary Amanda Summerill, was a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Allen) Summerill. Her father was a prominent farmer of Salem county, New Jersey, and the family was well known in New Jersey for many years. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Summerill, the eldest of whom, Mary Amanda, married Hewlings French. The others were: Joseph, who made his home in Salem county and is now deceased; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Benjamin Robinson, of Salem county, and is also deceased; Anna, deceased, who married Charles Sharp, of Salem county; James, who resides near Woodstown, in Salem county; Robert, who lived in Salem county and is now deceased; Rebecca, who married Edward Dickinson, of Salem county, and is deceased; and Caroline, the wife of Jacob French, also of Salem county. To the union of Hewlings and Mary Amanda French four children were born: Joseph, who is now engaged in railroad work at Winchester, Illinois; Samuel E., of this review; William S., who is identified with the mercantile business at Butte, Montana; and Frank, who is a railroad conductor with headquarters at Seattle, Washington. The mother of these children died April 4, 1879, and Mr. French was married about 1881 to Miss Emma Jones, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They had one child, Emma, who married Edward Herron, of Salem county, New Jersey. Mr. French died October 28, 1906.

Samuel E. French was reared on his father's farm in Salem county, New Jersey, and in the public schools acquired the foundation of an education. At the age of eighteen, in 1879, he came west with his brother, William S., and stopped at Shipman, Illinois, where he engaged in farm work for about two years. He then returned to New Jersey and entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as telegraph operator at South Amboy. He continued there for two years, at the end of which time he was married and came to Illinois, securing employment as telegraph operator on the Chicago & Alton Railway at Plainview, being the first operator at that station. In 1885 he began farming near Litchfield, in Macoupin county, and two years later moved to Shipman township where he purchased eighty acres of land on section 12 which he cultivated for two years. In 1889 he went west and was appointed agent and operator on the Santa Fe Railway at Lamar, Colorado, a position which he held for nine months. He then entered the service of the Wells-Fargo Express Company as depot agent at Colorado Springs. The company sold out its business at that point to the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Company in 1890 and Mr. French was transferred to Denver as express messenger for the Denver & Rio Grande Railway. He continued with this road for five years and then, in 1895, resigned and returned to Shipman township and set-

tled upon his farm. In 1896 he purchased eighty acres adjoining his first tract and four years later acquired eighty acres more in section 7, Hilyard township, thus becoming the owner of a beautiful farm of two hundred and forty acres, which he greatly improved by the erection and remodeling of buildings. He carried on general farming and dairying, and also engaged in feeding cattle. In 1909 he moved to Shipman and has since had charge of the Shipman Telephone Company, of which he is manager.

On June 4, 1883, Mr. French was married to Miss Ella Wildman, a daughter of John and Narcissus (Barnett) Wildman, of Shipman. They have three children: Walter, now living on his father's farm, who married Lottie Shultz, a daughter of A. M. Shultz, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Howard, who assists his brother upon the home farm; and Cecil, who died in infancy.

John Wildman, the father of Mrs. French, was born in England in 1827 and came to America when he was about twenty years of age, settling on a farm near Shipman. He was a carpenter and engaged in contracting and building. He joined the Union army at the outbreak of the Civil war, as a member of Company H, Eighty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served most efficiently for three years, his first important engagement being at Shiloh, under General Grant. After receiving his honorable discharge he returned to Shipman and later entered the general mercantile business at that place. He retired about 1896 and died in 1909, while on a visit to his son Colfax, in Van Buren, Arkansas. He was buried in the cemetery at Shipman. In his family were five children: Mary, who married Milton Dodson, of Shipman, and is now deceased; Ella, now Mrs. Samuel E. French; Robert, who is a railroad man and lives at Van Buren, Arkansas; Minnie, who is the wife of William Baker, of Shipman township; and Colfax, a resident of Van Buren, Arkansas.

Politically Mr. French is an advocate of the platforms and candidates of the republican party. He served as supervisor of Shipman township and is now president of the village board of Shipman. He is a valued member of Shipman Lodge, No. 212, A. F. & A. M., and also of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Order of the Eastern Star. Having displayed good judgment in his business affairs, he has been very successful financially and justly ranks as one of the leading men of Macoupin county.

EDWARD BOETTCHER.

Germany has contributed many of her most promising young men to America who, under the favoring influences of the republic, have gained honorable positions and made themselves a blessing to the country. Among the number is Edward Boettcher who is recognized as one of the most competent and practical miners of Macoupin county. He was born in Saxony, Germany, November 24, 1862, a son of William and Carolina Boettcher. The parents were both natives of Germany and spent their entire lives in the old country. The father engaged in mining and the son Edward seems to have inherited much of his ability as a

miner from the paternal side of the house. In the family were seven children, the subject of this review being the youngest. The others are: Wilhelmina, who is now living in Germany; Hannah and Ferdinand, both of whom are deceased; Ernest, who came to America and is now engaged in farming in West Prairie township, Macoupin county; Carolina, who is living in Germany; and Herman, who is a carpenter and lives at St. Louis.

Edward Boettcher received his preliminary education in the excellent schools of his native land. He applied himself to the nursery business for several years, but in 1881, being then less than twenty-one years of age, he bade farewell to relatives and friends and started out to meet the world on his own account, having resolved to try his fortune on the western hemisphere. He came to Staunton, Illinois, and for two years worked in a flour-mill. He then went to St. Louis, where he was employed in the nursery business, continuing there only a short time when he returned to Staunton and became identified with mining, a business in which he has ever since been engaged. He is quite an expert in his calling and for twenty-two years past has run a mining machine. He has invested his savings judiciously and owns a comfortable and well furnished home at Staunton, which is located upon a half acre of ground. He is also interested in real estate in the city and has been successful in acquiring a competence for himself and family.

In 1888 Mr. Boettcher was married to Mrs. Elizabeth (Adler) Leonhard, widow of John Leonhard, and by her first marriage the mother of one child, who is now Mrs. Louisa Ficker of Staunton. To Mr. Boettcher and his wife four children have been born: Walter, at home; Adelie, deceased; and Herbert and Clemens, both of whom are living at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Boettcher were both reared in the Lutheran church, of which they are valued members. Politically he is in sympathy with the republican party, although he has independent proclivities and in local affairs often supports candidates irrespective of their party affiliation. He belongs to that growing class of men who think for themselves and have the intelligence and ability to think right when important issues are at stake. He is a stanch advocate of labor organizations when they are wisely directed and is one of the old and valued members of the Miners Union.

CHARLES MUHLENBECK.

On the roster of county officials in Macoupin county appears the name of Charles Muhlenbeck of Virden, who is now serving as supervisor for the third term. In business circles he has won success as the distributing agent of the Lemp Brewing Company of St. Louis. His birth occurred in Berlin, Prussia, on the 14th of September, 1846, his parents being August and Elizabeth (Linderman) Muhlenbeck. In 1856 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States, first settling at Saginaw, Michigan, and a year later removing to St. Louis, while in 1858 they took up their abode at Springfield. In 1865 they came to Carlinville, Macoupin county, where August Muhlenbeck, who was a miller by trade, operated the first mill. His demise there occurred in 1884, while his wife passed away at Chicago

in 1891. Unto them were born five children, as follows: Bertha, who died in Germany; Matilda, who passed away at the age of three years; Emily, the wife of T. A. Gehrmann, of Chicago; Minnie, who gave her hand in marriage to C. A. Gehrmann of Springfield, and passed away in 1886; and Charles, of this review.

The last named attended the public schools until fourteen years of age and subsequently studied nights in a business college for ten years. He was identified with the dry-goods trade until 1888 and then became connected with the wholesale brewing business, having since acted as distributing agent of the Lemp Brewing Company of St. Louis. Success has attended his undertakings and he is now quite an extensive owner of city property, including his business house and residence.

On the 23d of October, 1888, Mr. Muhlenbeck wedded Miss Margaret Murphy, of Florence, New York, by whom he has two children: William L., who was born on the 16th of April, 1890, and is now associated in business with his father; and Irene, whose natal day was March 26, 1892.

Mr. Muhlenbeck gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is now serving as supervisor for the third term, capably discharging the duties devolving upon him in this connection. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, while fraternally he is identified with the Red Men and the Eagles. He well deserves his position as one of the representative citizens of the county, and all with whom he comes in contact accord him the highest respect and esteem.

ABEL STELL RANDOLPH.

The agricultural interests of both Macoupin and Montgomery counties found a worthy representative in Abel Stell Randolph, now deceased, who is remembered as a man of unimpeachable character and acknowledged ability in his chosen calling. He was born in Somerset county, New Jersey, August 5, 1831, and died at his home in Montgomery county, near the Macoupin county line, August 18, 1898. He was a son of Lewis and Mary (Compton) Randolph, both of whom were natives of New Jersey. In 1837 the father came west with his family and located in what is now Jersey county, Illinois. He engaged in agricultural pursuits and none appreciated more than he the value of the rich land of his section. He acquired the title to considerable property in Jersey county and also by means of a Mexican land warrant entered a section of government land in Bois d'Arc township, Montgomery county, sending his son Abel in 1855 to his newly acquired holdings to plant a Bois d'Arc hedge around the place. In his family were the following children: Almira, deceased; Abel S., of this review; Harriet, the wife of T. Moore; Catherine, who married James Clapp; Ruth; and Peter, deceased. The father died at an advanced age, October 8, 1892, and his death was sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.



MR. AND MRS. A. S. RANDOLPH

Abel S. Randolph secured such education as was afforded by the country schools of Jersey county and as he grew to manhood became, under his father's guidance, thoroughly acquainted with all the details of farm work. He told a contemporary biographer how he cultivated the soil with a wooden plow drawn at times by as many as ten yoke of oxen, and it would be difficult to find a better tribute to the work thus accomplished or a more striking description as to the manner of its accomplishment than that written by Henry L. Kiner, of Geneseo, Illinois, under the title of "Ode to Glenn's Old Wooden Plow," which is as follows:

Three yoke of straining oxen toiled o'er the spangled sod;
'Twas springtime in the '30s and the land was fresh from God.
In the rear the virgin furrow shone along the virgin soil—
'Twas the first of multi-millions to reward the yeoman's toil.

Old plow, thy wooden moldboard a statehouse dost adorn;
Thou art the antecedent of untold stores of corn;
The pioneer precursor of a golden gift of wealth,
The harbinger of happiness, of honor, homes and health.

O, origin of opulence, I bow my head to thee!
O, Glenn, you builded better than you knew, it seems to me;
For with this plow you only thought to open up a field,
An Empire rose before you, with all its royal yield!

At the age of twenty-four years Mr. Randolph left his home in Jersey county and located on the section of land which his father had secured in Montgomery county. He worked upon this place for a time and during the next few years also assisted in work of the home farm. In 1860 he located permanently in Montgomery county, where he owned one hundred and sixty acres of land. Later he acquired forty acres adjoining his property, across the line in Sangamon county. He was closely identified with agricultural pursuits for nearly forty years, setting an example of industry and perseverance eminently worthy of imitation. He made steady progress in his business and gained recognition as one of the substantial men of the community.

On the 9th of June, 1869, Mr. Randolph was married to Miss Minerva Edwards, a native of Scioto county, Ohio, born October 27, 1838. Her parents were Andrew and Mary (Darlington) Edwards, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. They came to Jersey county, Illinois, in 1838, and were among the pioneer settlers of that locality. Of their four children Henry, William and Minerva are now living. George, the youngest, was born November 15, 1844, and died March 24, 1900. The daughter Minerva was reared to womanhood in Jersey county and remained with her parents until her marriage to Mr. Randolph. This union was blessed by the birth of one son, Henry M., who is now living with his mother.

The success of Mr. Randolph was not due to luck or chance but rather to his unremitting energy, sound judgment and strict integrity. Politically he adhered to the republican party and religiously he affiliated with the Methodist

Episcopal church. The property which he acquired is still owned by his widow who resides at Virden. She also owns the home in which she is living and two other residences. She devotes her time largely to benevolent and philanthropic work and is one of the prominent members and a liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church of Virden.

GEORGE DUCKELS.

A valuable farm in Bird township is evidence of the ability of George Duckels, who is known as a highly prosperous man and one who has contributed his share to the general growth of the county. He was born near Chesterfield, Illinois, November 22, 1845, a son of Richard and Elizabeth (Morris) Duckels. The father was born in Yorkshire, England, July 4, 1811, and emigrated to the United States in 1835, when he was twenty-four years of age. He spent a year at Jacksonville, Illinois, and then went to Alton where he clerked in a store for two years. After giving up this position he came to Macoupin county and located near Chesterfield, continuing in that vicinity until his death, which occurred at the advanced age of ninety-three years. He was a successful farmer and one of the public-spirited men of the community. Politically he was identified with the republican party and religiously he affiliated with the Methodist church. The mother of our subject was also a native of Yorkshire, England. She came with her parents to this country in 1835, when eight years of age, and lived at Chesterfield, this county, until her marriage with Mr. Duckels. She died about 1897 and her body reposes beside that of her husband in the cemetery at Keller's schoolhouse. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Duckels were thirteen children, three of whom died in infancy, the others being: Matilda, who is now deceased; George, of this review; John, whose home is at Chesterfield; Henry, who lives near Chesterfield; Oscar, also of Chesterfield; Anna, who married A. D. Loveless, of Carlinville; Grant and Laura, both of whom live near Chesterfield; Roland, whose home is at Chesterfield; and Clara, the wife of Charles Wilton, of Chesterfield.

Mr. Duckels, the subject of this review, possessed advantages of attendance at the common schools and later became a student of Blackburn University at Carlinville. He assisted his father upon the farm until 1869, when he left home and located on the open prairie, in Bird township, where there were no improvements whatever. He has erected all the buildings and set out all the trees on the place and it is today one of the most attractive farms in this section of the county. He has prospered in his business and owns three hundred and forty-five acres located in section 28 of Bird township. He has devoted a great deal of time to agriculture but makes a specialty of raising shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs. For twenty years he engaged extensively in buying and shipping stock to the markets at St. Louis and Chicago. Through undaunted energy and perseverance he has overcome many difficulties and attained a position as one of Macoupin county's most successful citizens. On the 11th of March, 1875, Mr. Duckels was married to Miss Mary J. Gleason and they have two

children, Grace and Stanley S., both of whom are living at home. Stanley S. Duckels served as special deputy sheriff of the county for two years and for an equal length of time as regular deputy sheriff, also filling the office of game warden. He has taken an active interest in politics and is a stanch supporter of the republican party. In the fall of 1910 he was nominated for sheriff upon the republican ticket. He is well known in fraternal circles and is a member of the Masonic lodge of Carlinville.

Mr. Duckels of this review is also a supporter of the republican party and as an intelligent, progressive citizen has discharged the responsibilities of various public offices. He is now occupying the position of highway commissioner and was a member of the board of county supervisors for two years, also serving as tax collector and in other positions of public trust. He is not connected with any religious denomination but his wife is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is well known throughout this section as a man of genial nature and one who has through life been actuated by high principles and worthy ambitions. By the exercise of good business judgment he has gained a measure of success which places him among the substantial residents of the county.

CULLEN CURLEE GIBSON.

Cullen Curlee Gibson, now living retired, has for more than forty-five years been a resident of Macoupin county and for more than eighty-one years a resident of Illinois. He is well known as a farmer and also as a minister of the gospel, and by a life of industry and earnest application in behalf of others has won a position accorded to few men in this section. Born in Tennessee February 1, 1823, he is a son of James and Hannah (Meredith) Gibson, both of whom were natives of Tennessee. The grandfather on the paternal side, James Gibson, was born in Maryland but removed to Tennessee, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Mr. Gibson of this sketch came with his parents to Morgan county, Illinois, in 1830 and in the pioneer schools secured his early education. At the age of fifteen he began devoting his entire time to the home farm and so continued until 1843, when he engaged in farming on his own account. In 1864 he arrived with his family in Girard township, Macoupin county, and located permanently, acquiring one hundred and ninety acres of good land which he brought under an excellent state of cultivation. He became one of the successful farmers of the township. In connection with general farming he kept a good grade of stock, both cattle and hogs, which he marketed in St. Louis and Chicago. He has lived retired since 1893 and his son-in-law, John J. Stowe, now has charge of the place.

In 1843 Mr. Gibson was married to Miss Nancy A. Daugherty, who was born in Kentucky, a daughter of John and Polly (Squires) Daugherty, both of whom were also natives of Kentucky. To this union fourteen children were born, eleven of whom survive, and Mr. Gibson can also claim seventy-four

grandchildren and forty great-grandchildren. His children are: Serilda, who married F. W. Gates, of Girard; John, of Greene county, Illinois; Charles C., who also lives at Girard; Hannah, who married James Wirt, of Virden; Sarah, the wife of George Garst, of Girard; Rinda, who married Henry Showalter, of Kansas; George W., of Girard; Isaac, who lives in Christian county, Illinois; Henry, of Girard; Cullen, whose home is at Springfield, Illinois; and Lizzie, the wife of John J. Stowe, who resides upon the home farm.

The greatest sorrow that Mr. Gibson has known was the death of his beloved wife, which occurred in February, 1910, after they had been married more than sixty-six years. She was a woman possessing many rare qualities of mind and heart, and one who by her fidelity to high ideals gave indication of being a sincere follower of the Great Master. Mr. Gibson many years ago became converted to the Christian religion and for forty years labored in the ministry of the church of the Brethren. An earnest believer in the Bible, he has aimed to be guided in all his acts by its teachings, and his work in the ministry was productive of great good and attracted many to a life of righteousness. He has been a staunch supporter of prohibition and all movements for the relief of the ills of humanity. He has never held any public offices except those of school director of Girard township and school trustee in Morgan county. As a venerable pioneer of the state he is deeply respected and as a worker in behalf of others, he has earned the reverence and esteem due one who has willingly relinquished personal advancement in a desire to promote the general good.

HENRY A. KILLAM.

It has often been demonstrated that the person gains a valuable experience who early in life is made acquainted with responsibility. The truth of this statement is exemplified in the life of Henry A. Killam, now one of the highly respected citizens of Macoupin county. Owing to the death of his father he was obliged to assume charge of the home farm when he was ten years of age, and he has ever since been actively and successfully engaged in agriculture and stock-raising. He was born in Carlinville township November 20, 1868, a son of Alfred and Elizabeth (Lee) Killam. The parents were both natives of Morgan county, Illinois, and were of English descent. The father was reared as a farmer and, after arriving at maturity, purchased seventy-one acres in Carlinville township, Macoupin county, and twenty acres in Palmyra township. He was an industrious man and applied himself with good judgment to the cultivation of his farm, acquiring a reputation as one of the progressive men of the township. He was killed in 1871 by a stroke of lightning, which destroyed his horses at the same time.

Henry A. Killam received limited advantages of education as his services were needed in the support of his mother and three sisters. He took charge of the home place and as the other heirs reached maturity he purchased their interest in the estate and has continued to reside on the farm upon which he was born. The mother made her home there until her death, which occurred November 1, 1892.

He has greatly improved the place by the erection of buildings and fences, the setting out of fruit and shade and ornamental trees, and the proper rotation of crops, making it one of the most pleasing features in the landscape of this region. Since 1894 he has made a specialty of raising Poland China hogs and usually markets each year about one hundred and fifty head. He is widely known as one of the most successful hog breeders of the county. He keeps seven head of horses, and also raises cattle and engages extensively in the poultry business. His record shows what can be accomplished by persistent energy backed by courage and clear judgment.

On the 22d of June, 1892, Mr. Killam was married to Miss Nana Vaughn, a daughter of James and Mary (Moore) Vaughn, the former of whom was born in Tennessee and the latter in Macoupin county, Illinois. Mr. Vaughn came to this county at the age of thirteen years and learned the mason's trade at which he worked for several years. He then turned his attention to farming, which he followed successfully until 1892, when he moved to Carlinville and purchased the home in which he and his wife are now living. Since taking up his residence in town he has resumed the trade which he learned many years ago and, although he has reached the advanced age of seventy-nine years, he is still working at the mason's trade. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Killam: Ollie May, who is eighteen years of age; Truman Henry, aged sixteen; Dorothy Irene, aged thirteen; and James Oliver, aged eleven.

Mr. Killam is a friend of the public schools, which he regards as the bulwark of the nation, and is now serving as a member of the school board. From the time of reaching manhood he has voted in support of the republican party but not through expectation of being a candidate for office, as his interest is centered in his business affairs which are in a highly flourishing condition. He attends the Baptist church, of which his wife also is a member.

HARVEY MADISON.

It would be difficult indeed to find in Macoupin county a more worthy subject for review in a historical work pertaining to this section than Harvey Madison. He has been a resident of the county since 1836 and, by a life of earnest and persistent industry, he many years ago became one of the most highly respected men in Nilwood township—a man whose integrity has never been questioned, and whose acts have reflected credit upon himself and all with whom he has associated. He was born August 11, 1824, a son of Henry and Mary (Smith) Madison, the former of whom was born in Vermont and the latter in New York state. He is also a grandson of Daniel Madison, a native of England, and David Smith, who was born in Germany.

In 1836 he came with his parents to Bird township, Macoupin county, and continued under the paternal roof until 1848. In the district schools of Sangamon and Macoupin counties he gained his preliminary education, but he was not satisfied with the limited training afforded in his youth and has greatly widened his knowledge by reading and observation. At the age of twenty-four he went

to Montgomery county and engaged in farming on his own account, remaining there until 1855, when he returned to Macoupin county and for a short time engaged in selling merchandise in Nilwood township. Upon giving up this business, he resumed the occupation to which he had been reared and gave his close attention to agriculture and stock-raising for about forty years. In 1900 he took up his residence at Carlinville but moved to Chicago in 1908 in order to be near his children. He was not satisfied with life in a large city and, after a residence of one year at the great metropolis of the lakes, he returned to Girard where he has since resided.

In 1848 Mr. Madison was married in Bird township to Miss Mary Waters, of Morgan county, Illinois, a daughter of Zachariah and Mary (Canady) waters, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. Four sons were born to this union, two of whom, John R. and Peyton C., are living in Chicago. The other two, Zachariah and William, are deceased. The mother of these children died in 1882, and two years later Mr. Madison was married in Nilwood township to Miss Rebecca Paden, of Montgomery county, Illinois, a daughter of Leroy and Jane (Fletcher) Paden, the former of whom was born in South Carolina and the latter in Kentucky. Mrs. Madison has proved to her husband a sympathetic and helpful companion and they now enjoy at ease the results of many years of patient application.

Mr. Madison gives his political support to the prohibition cause and has long been an earnest advocate of the abolition of the saloon, believing that it is the greatest evil with which the country is afflicted. He was for a number of years an active member of the Sons of Temperance and the Good Templars and assisted to the extent of his ability in advancing the interests of those organizations. He served as highway commissioner and also for several terms as member of the school board. As a young man he became connected with the Methodist church and ever since 1850—a period of sixty-one years—he has been a steward in the church. This is a record that it would probably be impossible to parallel in the state of Illinois. Throughout life steadfast and outspoken in his views, he has been upright in his dealings and is, therefore, eminently worthy of the deep respect which is due to one who has ever heeded the voice of conscience and the call of duty.

JOHN WILLIAM CHALLACOMBE.

John William Challacombe, residing on section 21, Chesterfield township, is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of valuable land and devotes his attention to the pursuits of farming and stock-raising with excellent results. He was born in Chesterfield township, near Challacombe Station, his natal day being May 11, 1855. The Challacombe family came originally from France with William the Conqueror. John Challacombe, the grandfather of our subject, was born in West Down parish, Devonshire, England, in July, 1785, where the family resided for many generations. In April, 1833, he left England with his wife and children and after a long and stormy voyage on a sailing vessel,

landed at New York in September. Settling first in Genesee county, New York, he there purchased land and engaged in farming. In 1840 he came west with his family, locating three miles southwest of Carlinville, Illinois, where he lived for a few years and then removed to Chesterfield township, Macoupin county. Here he continued to reside until called to his final rest in 1846, owning at that time a large tract of land.

Nicholas Challacombe, the father of John W. Challacombe, was the sixth in order of birth in a family of eight children and was born at Devonshire, England, on the 19th of June, 1824. He accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States and was sixteen years of age when his father settled in Illinois. He attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education and assisted his father in the operation of the home farm, which remained his place of residence until he passed away on the 3d of November, 1896. As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life he chose Miss Nancy Glorian Carson, a daughter of Harvey and Mary (Goff) Carson, of Tennessee. Harvey Carson, a gentleman of Scotch descent, came to this county with his family in 1833, taking up government land in Chesterfield township. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Nancy Blackburn, was a member of the Blackburn family that founded Blackburn University of Carlinville, Illinois. Unto Nicholas and Nancy G. (Carson) Challacombe were born eleven children, as follows: Isabella Agnes, the deceased wife of Horace B. Warner, of Chesterfield township; Mary Elizabeth, the widow of Arthur Corey Hartwell, who served as captain of Company F, Twelfth Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, fought throughout the Civil war and died from an accidental gunshot wound while hunting; Medora Jane, the wife of John K. Butler; John William, of this review; Fannie Grizzell, the wife of John Searles, of Medora, Illinois; Nicholas Bartle, who is married and resides at Everett, Washington; Joseph Emmons and Sophia Asenath, twins, who died in infancy; James Edwin, who likewise passed away in infancy; Mabel Grace, the wife of Allen L. Birchard, of Everett, Washington; and Wesley Adams, living at Carlinville, Illinois, who is a professor in Blackburn University.

John William Challacombe, whose name introduces this review, obtained his early education in the public schools, subsequently attended Blackburn University and also pursued a course of study in a business college at Jacksonville, Illinois. He has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, first assisting in the operation of the home farm, which he continued to manage after his father passed away. His holdings now embrace two hundred and forty acres of highly productive and valuable land and most of the improvements thereon stand as monuments to his enterprise and industry. His house is situated on a high hill, and a fine grove of trees afford shade. Mr. Challacombe also has an excellent orchard of twenty acres and is extensively engaged in the raising and feeding of stock in connection with the tilling of the soil. In all of his business affairs he is alert and enterprising, meeting with the measure of success which always rewards earnest, persistent and well directed labor.

Mr. Challacombe has been married twice. On the 22d of May, 1877, he wedded Rosalie Hartwell, whose birth occurred on the 18th of May, 1856, her

parents being James and Mary (Corey) Hartwell. The Hartwell family was represented in the Revolutionary war. James Hartwell was a native of Groton, Massachusetts, where the family lived for some generations. He was an architect and carpenter contractor and came to Illinois from Massachusetts in 1845, purchasing land in Chesterfield township, Macoupin county, but settling in Carrollton. After residing there for two years he took up his abode on his farm, where his demise occurred in 1861. Unto him and his wife were born five children, namely: Arthur Corey, who is mentioned above; Mary, the wife of William B. Challacombe, of Sedalia, Missouri; Justin L., who is a resident of Blessing, Texas; Corrina, the wife of A. J. Darrah, of Medora, Illinois; and Rosalie Challacombe. John W. and Rosalie (Hartwell) Challacombe had one son, James Nicholas. The mother died on the 13th of May, 1878, a few days after the birth of the child. James Nicholas grew to manhood and married Georgia Miner, a daughter of George and Belle (Van Arsdale) Miner, of Jersey county, Illinois. By that union there were three children, two of whom died in infancy. The surviving child is Rosalie. The family live on their farm one-half mile east of Summerville, in Chesterfield township. On the 29th of August, 1883, John W. Challacombe was again married, his second union being with Mary Fenton, who was born on the 14th of August, 1861, of the marriage of George and Sarah (Thornton) Fenton. George Fenton came from England to Macoupin county and subsequently wedded Miss Sarah Thornton, a daughter of Richard Thornton, of Cincinnati, Ohio. By his second wife Mr. Challacombe had five children, as follows: Edith G., at home; Lorena May, who resides at Everett, Washington; Harvey E., who is still under the parental roof; Annie Belle, who died in infancy; and Clifford T., also at home.

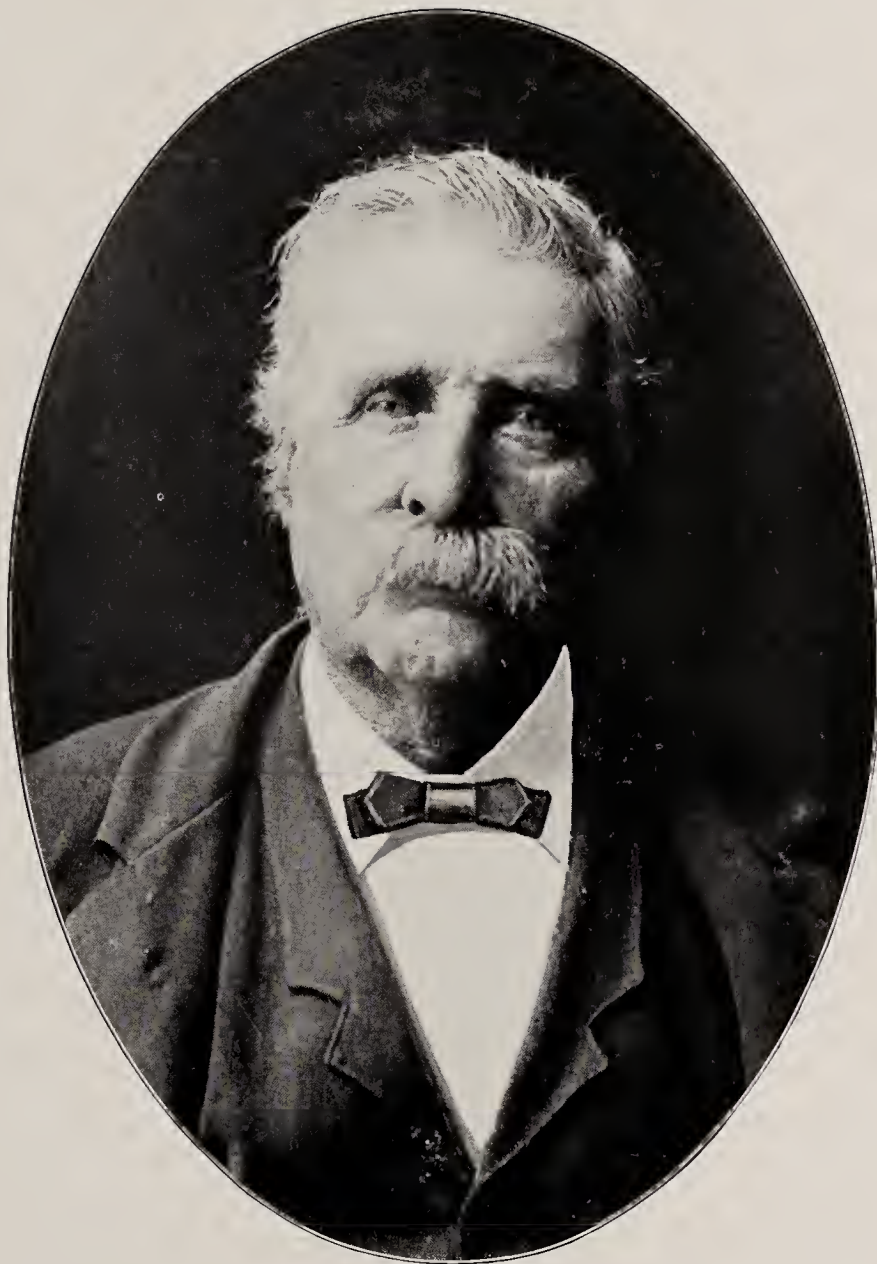
In politics Mr. Challacombe is a republican but has never sought office as a reward for his party fealty. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as an elder. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Loyal Americans. He is a well read and highly intelligent man and has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as one of the substantial and respected citizens of his native county.

WILLIAM WHEELER.

William Wheeler, who is now in the seventy-ninth year of his age and has been a resident of Macoupin county since his infancy, was born in Rush county, Indiana, April 13, 1833. He is a son of John and Mary (Cameron) Wheeler, both of whom were natives of Kentucky, the former born in 1804 and the latter in 1803. The father removed to Ohio with his parents at the age of six years and grew to maturity in the Buckeye state, where he was married to Miss Mary Cameron and in 1835 arrived with his family in Macoupin county, Illinois. He located on section 7, Bird township, and there continued during the remainder of his life, which covered a period of over sixty years. He died on the old homestead July 3, 1895, and his wife passed away May 25, 1898. Their remains were interred in Shiloh cemetery, Bird township. In the family of Mr.



MRS. WILLIAM WHEELER



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and Mrs. Wheeler were seven children, two of whom died in infancy. The others are: William, of this review; Barbara, the wife of Jonas Rebble, of Het-tick; F. M., who is now engaged in farming in Bird township; Calvin, a resident of Greenfield, Greene county, Illinois; and Huldah, who became the wife of John R. Stewart and who is now deceased.

In the pioneer schools of Macoupin county William Wheeler received his early education, his advantages being extremely limited as teachers were few, schoolhouses were far apart and the boys were needed at home to assist their fathers in redeeming the wilderness to the uses of man. He remained with his parents until twenty-two years of age and then located on the place where he has since resided, on section 8, Bird township. The land was originally raw prairie but he applied himself energetically and instituted many improvements, erecting a comfortable residence and developing the property to a substantial paying basis. He prospered in his work and is now the fortunate owner of three hundred and two acres in this county and three hundred acres in Coffey county, Kansas. Through his unremitting industry and careful management he years ago became recognized as one of the successful men of Macoupin county, a position which he has ever since retained.

In 1856 Mr. Wheeler was married to Miss Mary J. Lee and they have six children living: J. N., a farmer of Bird township; A. C., who is living at home; John, who is engaged in farming near Clinton, Missouri; Alvin, also of Bird township; Elma, who married Allen Bear, of Clinton, Missouri; and Ollie, who is the wife of J. W. Parker, of Bird township. Madore died at the age of nineteen years and Edgar died at the age of five. Mr. Wheeler is in thorough sympathy with the democratic party and as a patriotic and public-spirited citizen has filled various offices of responsibility in his township. He and his wife are members of the Shiloh Baptist church, in which he has long served as trustee and deacon. He rightfully belongs among the honored members of the community and as he approaches the age of four score he looks back over a life of usefulness, in the course of which he has encouraged many by his just and honorable course to persevere in the pursuit of worthy aims. He and his estimable wife have many friends and are numbered among the most respected residents of the county.

SAMUEL THEODORE MORSE.

Samuel Theodore Morse, consulting engineer, with an office in Carlinville and a clientage that is indicative of his capability and high standing in the profession, was born December 26, 1872, in the city which is still his home. He was graduated from the Carlinville high school with the class of 1889 and afterward spent three years as a student in Blackburn University. He then entered the University of Illinois wherein he pursued the civil engineering course and was graduated with the class of 1896. He has since practiced his profession and his course has been characterized by continuous progress. For several years he held a responsible position with the Illinois Central Railroad and then resigned, locating in Carlin-

ville for practice in 1904. In that year he was elected county surveyor on the republican ticket by a majority of over eight hundred. He is now a member of the Morse-Warren Engineering Company of this city with an office in the county court house and is the most widely known drainage specialist in this part of the state, having a thorough and comprehensive understanding of the scientific principles which underlie his work, with all the practical phases of the business.

CALEB CAPPS.

Caleb Capps, who was born in Winchester, Clarke county, Kentucky, a son of John and Sally (Gilmer) Capps, is a representative, on both the paternal and maternal side, of families which have been established in America since early colonial days, the lines of descent including men who have been prominent in the early history of the United States. The Gilmer family dates its existence in America since 1700, in which year George Gilmer landed in Virginia and there established his home. The grandfather of Mrs. Sally (Gilmer) Capps came to this country from Scotland. Dr. John Gilmer was one of the eminent ancestors, and many representatives of the name were governors and high officials in early days. The Capps came from England to this country prior to the Revolutionary war and several of the name participated in the fight for independence. Caleb Capps, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a farmer of North Carolina, passing away when his son John was two years of age. The parents of our subject were natives of North Carolina and Kentucky respectively. The father, a carpenter by trade, came to Illinois in 1832, remaining in this state for seven years, after which he removed to Kentucky and there passed away in 1844. Prior to his marriage he had entered land from the government in Macoupin and Greene counties, the deeds for which, signed by President Van Buren, are now in possession of our subject.

Caleb Capps, whose name introduces this review, was but four years of age when he came to Illinois, the family home being established in Adams county, near Quincy, and in 1848 he arrived in Macoupin county. In the common schools of this state he acquired his preliminary training and later he attended the preparatory school at Jacksonville. After laying aside his text-books he began working at the machinist's trade, which he followed until twenty-one years of age. He then became identified with agricultural work and for almost fifty years was connected with farming interests in Macoupin county, his efforts being attended with gratifying results. He engaged extensively in stock-raising, making a specialty of Shorthorn cattle, and fed a large number of sheep and hogs for the market. This line of activity also proved a paying proposition, and when he withdrew from agricultural pursuits he was able to retire with a most satisfactory competency. He now makes his home in Palmyra where, being comfortably situated in life, he is enjoying well earned rest which has been secured through his intelligently directed activity in former years. He still retains possession of his farming property, amounting to two hundred and

eighty acres of valuable land in Macoupin county, and is also the owner of good city property.

The only interruption which came to break the routine of an active and busy farm life occurred at the time of the Civil war when, responding to the country's call for volunteers, Mr. Capps enlisted as a private of Company A, Thirty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served with that command in its various engagements, participating in Sherman's campaign through Georgia, and was also present at the surrender of General Johnson.

Mr. Capps was married, on the 3d of January, 1872, to Miss Elizabeth Maxfield, a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Petefish) Maxfield, natives of Kentucky and Virginia respectively. They were farming people who located at an early day in Macoupin county, where both passed away. Mr. Capps' fraternal relations are with the Masonic order, he being a member of Palmyra Lodge, No. 463, A. F. & A. M. He was the first master of the lodge and for many years the youngest in the state of Illinois. He has already passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, and spends his declining years in comfort amid the regard of friends who recognize his worth and justly account him one of the representative citizens of the county within whose borders he has so long lived and labored.

JOHN E. CAMP.

John E. Camp, editor and proprietor of The Star-Times of Staunton and also highly successful as a business man, was born in Fayette county, Illinois, November 4, 1869. He is a son of W. E. and Mary E. (Shaffer) Camp, the former of whom was born in Staunton and the latter in Madison county, Illinois. The parents were married at Worden, Illinois, by Hampton Wall who was at that time serving as justice of the peace. The young couple spent several years at East St. Louis and then took up their residence at Duquoin, Illinois, where Mr. Camp engaged in farming. The grandfather of our subject on the maternal side came to Illinois from Pennsylvania and for a number of years was in charge of an old tavern at Center Grove, Madison county, becoming well known as one of the successful innkeepers of that section. The mother of our subject was a daughter of George and Mary (Jones) Shaffer and was a woman of many admirable characteristics. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Camp were four children: Hampton, deceased; John E., of this sketch; Isabelle, who is also deceased; and Daisy, the wife of W. P. Wall, a prominent banker of Staunton. The father died in 1875 and Mrs. Camp was married later to Andrew Lovejoy, a farmer of Olive township, Madison county. Subsequently they moved to Staunton and Mrs. Lovejoy died in this city in 1899.

At six years of age John E. Camp was deprived of his father but grew to manhood under the kindly influence of a devoted mother. He attended the public schools of Staunton and the Hazel Dell school of Olive township, Madison county, thus securing the foundation of an education to which he has largely added by reading and by contact with men and affairs. At the age of nineteen he

was married and for ten years thereafter applied himself as an agriculturist and stock-raiser at New Douglas. He then reopened a coal mine at New Douglas, which he sold to a company and continued for two years as superintendent of the mine. In 1904 he entered the newspaper business with which he has ever since been prominently identified. He owned and edited the New Douglas World and the Worden Universe, and five years ago started The Star of Staunton. In 1910 he became the owner of the Staunton Times and combined the two papers under the title of The Star-Times. The paper is one of the leading publications of this section and its appearance and contents reflect great credit upon its proprietor. In connection with his newspaper business Mr. Camp maintains an up-to-date jobbing office which yields a handsome income upon the investment. He is a successful business man and owns an attractive home in which he lives at Staunton and also one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land near New Douglas.

In 1888 Mr. Camp was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Olive, a native of Olive township, Madison county, and they have had five children: Grace, who assists her father in the newspaper office; Verna, who is engaged in teaching school; Edward, who is also identified with his father in the newspaper office; Harold, who is at home; and Walton, who died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Camp is a supporter of the democratic party and is an active worker in its behalf. He served as county supervisor of Madison county, filling the office of chairman of the board for several years, and also for four years discharged the duties of justice of the peace at New Douglas. His wife is a member of the Baptist church of New Douglas. Mrs. Camp and her two daughters are identified with the Order of the Eastern Star while the son Edward is a member of the lodge of Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Camp is prominent in fraternal circles and holds membership in the Masonic order, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of the Maccabees and the Order of the Eastern Star. He is active and efficient in all his undertakings and his efforts have met with financial reward. He is a man of kindly disposition and loyalty to his friends is one of his distinguishing characteristics. It may truly be said of him that he is ever ready to lend his aid to any movement benefiting the community and his influence is a potent element in the work of progress which is noticeable on every hand in Macoupin county.

WILLIAM E. WOODS.

The beneficial results of industry and the application of businesslike methods in affairs are illustrated in the life of William E. Woods, who is the owner of a productive farm in Bird township and is known as one of the reliable men of this section. He was born in the neighborhood where he now lives March 8, 1856, and for more than fifty years has been a witness of the development of Macoupin county. His parents were William and Janet (Hughes) Woods, the former of whom was born in Yorkshire, England, August 2, 1810. The father emigrated to America before his marriage and first located in Greene county, Illinois, where he lived until 1833. He then came to Bird township, Macoupin

county, and selected a home in section 33, on a partially improved tract of land. He acquired some of the surrounding prairie and became the owner of a well-developed farm. Here he spent the remainder of his life, being called away in 1876. The mother of our subject was born in Ayreshire, Scotland. She came to America in her girlhood and was married in this country to Mr. Woods. They were the parents of nine children, namely: Abraham, who served for the Union in the Civil war and is now living at Carlinville; Peter, James and Edward, all of whom are deceased; Benjamin, a farmer of Polk township; Agnes, who married W. D. Goodell, of Corydon, Iowa; William E., of this review; George, deceased; and Paul, who is engaged in farming in Bird township. The father of our subject was twice married and by his first marriage had four children: Olive, Isaac and John, all of whom are deceased; and Mary, who is now living in Greene county, Illinois. The mother of William E. Woods died in 1894.

William E. Woods received his early education in the public schools and continued at home, assisting in farm work until he was twenty-four years of age. He then located on an adjacent farm where he has ever since resided. His place comprises one hundred and forty acres and is situated on sections 32 and 33, Bird township. He has applied himself with excellent judgment and the improvements on his farm compare favorably with any in this part of the county. His methods have been practical and progressive and each year witnesses a gratifying increase in his prosperity.

In 1880 Mr. Woods was married to Miss Mary Rafferty. They have one child, Janet, who is the wife of Charles W. Arnett, a farmer of Bird township. Mrs. Woods died in 1885, and in 1889 Mr. Woods was married to Mrs. Mary E. Carr, widow of John Carr and a daughter of Samuel Comer. She has proved to him a constant encouragement and support.

Mr. Woods was reared as a member of a large family and in his youth gained lessons of industry and self-reliance that proved of inestimable value in shaping his character and determining his success as a business man. He is now in a large measure financially independent and is respected as one of the wide-awake and substantial citizens of this region. In politics he is a republican. He has filled the office of tax collector in the township, discharging his duties in a way that indicated his trustworthiness and high sense of personal responsibility. Fraternally he is identified with the lodge of Modern Woodmen of America at Chesterfield. Although not connected with any religious denomination he is a liberal contributor to worthy causes and his wife is a valued member of the Baptist church.

FRANCIS M. TAYLOR.

The agricultural interests of Macoupin county find a worthy and successful representative in Francis M. Taylor, who makes his home on section 6, Chesterfield township. His birth occurred in Greenfield, Illinois, on the 27th of January, 1850, his parents being Isaac and Mahala (Odell) Taylor. The father was born in Greene county, Illinois, in 1828, while the mother was a native of Ken-

tucky. John Taylor, the paternal grandfather of our subject, removed from South Carolina to Kentucky and subsequently brought his family to Greene county, Illinois, taking up government land. The maternal grandparents of Francis M. Taylor were Reuben and Mary (Davis) Odell. Reuben Odell, who was a native of South Carolina, removed to Kentucky after his marriage and there resided for two years, while in the '20s he took up his abode in Greene county, Illinois. He participated in the war of 1812 and his widow drew a land warrant. Their children were nine in number. Betsy, now deceased, gave her hand in marriage to Jackson Easting, of Greene county, Illinois. John, who has also passed away, was a resident of Nilwood, Macoupin county. William, who is now deceased, made his home at Girard, Macoupin county. Peggy, who has passed away, was the wife of Dillingham Wooldridge, of Greene county. Mahala, the next in order of birth, became the mother of our subject. Jacob, who is deceased, resided at Greene county, Illinois. Isaac, who makes his home at Litchfield, Illinois, participated in the Civil war with the Twelfth Illinois Cavalry. Phillip, who is now deceased, likewise served as a soldier, being a member of Company G, One Hundred and Forty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Jackson, living at Chesterfield, Illinois, participated in the Civil war as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Forty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

Isaac Taylor, the father of Mr. Taylor of this review, was identified with general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career. Unto him and his wife were born eight children, as follows: John, a widower residing in Macoupin county; Francis M., of this review; Jacob J., who is deceased; Mary, the wife of Fred Kaw, of Shipman, Illinois; Nancy, Charity and James Madison, all of whom have passed away; and Alex, who is married and makes his home at Chesterfield.

Francis M. Taylor obtained his education in the public schools and assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until twenty-eight years of age. At that time he purchased forty acres of land in Chesterfield township, Macoupin county, and after a few years bought another tract of similar size. The land was covered with heavy timber when it came into his possession and he cleared every foot of it. He also erected the necessary buildings and has brought his farm under a high state of cultivation and improvement. He raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and likewise has a fine orchard of five acres.

On the 26th of February, 1879, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Ella McCall, who was born at Walkerville, Greene county, Illinois, in 1855. Her father, William McCall, whose birth occurred at London, England, in 1818, took up his abode in Greene county, this state, in the '50s and here turned his attention to farming. He married a Miss Walker of Kentucky, who accompanied her parents on their removal to Greene county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have no children of their own but reared the following: Lovie McCall, who is the wife of William Gracy, by whom she has two children; Albert Cummings, who was married and whose demise occurred in Missouri; and Alice Harris, at home. These three adopted children were relatives of Mrs. Taylor.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Taylor has supported the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in the principles of that party. He has held the office of road commissioner of Chesterfield

township, ably discharging the duties devolving upon him in this connection. He has spent his entire life in this part of the state and enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance here.

ROBERT E. ALFORD.

A lifelong resident of Macoupin county, Robert E. Alford, of North Otter township, can claim intimate acquaintance with the resources of this section, and a well kept farm of more than four hundred and sixty acres is evidence of his good judgment and sound business ability. He was born October 21, 1855, a son of M. T. and Rebecca (Edwards) Alford, both of whom were natives of Tennessee. They arrived in Illinois in 1850. With nothing to depend upon but a good constitution and an indomitable will to make a creditable name for himself among his fellowmen, M. T. Alford lived to witness his early dreams realized. He became a leading farmer of Macoupin county and acquired three hundred and seventy-three acres, which yielded a generous annual harvest. The mother of our subject died in June, 1869, when he was thirteen years of age. In their family were nine children, namely: William, who is now living in southwestern Kansas; Charles F., of Clay county, Nebraska; George, who is deceased; Robert E., of this review; Benjamin F., who died in 1880; Martha, Samuel and Mary, all of whom have passed away; and Caleb C., who lives in Macoupin county. The father was again married, his second wife being Susan Mary Searsey, and by this union eight children were born: Sarah, the widow of William Vogel, who lived near Palmyra; Martha, who married John Angle, of Carlinville; Rosa, who is the wife of H. A. Whithorn and lives near Mount Ayr, Iowa; Joseph, of Nilwood, Illinois; John and Bertha, both of whom are deceased; Oliver Pritchett, of Kentucky; and Cleveland H., of Nilwood. The father of these children lived to an advanced age and died May 21, 1906.

Robert E. Alford attended the public schools and continued assisting his father upon the home farm until twenty-seven years of age. He then began renting land on his own account, starting with one hundred and eighty acres, but he increased his operations and cultivated two hundred and twenty acres for a number of years. At the end of eleven years he purchased two hundred acres, which he later sold, and then bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 25, North Otter township, where he has made his home since 1895, and to which he has added three hundred acres. He is a general farmer and stock-raiser and through good business management has prospered financially so that he now enjoys ease and comfort as the result of many years of wisely directed effort.

On the 26th of March, 1884, Mr. Alford was married to Miss Mary E. Ballard, a daughter of Wiley and Elizabeth (Brodmarkle) Ballard. The father was a native of Illinois and the mother of Maryland. In their family were three children: John H., who is deceased; Mary, now Mrs. Robert E. Alford; and Charles W., who lives in Girard. One child, Alma B., has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Alford. She is the wife of Alvah O. England, of Macoupin county, and is

now living at home with her parents, being the mother of one child, Maurine, who was born July 27, 1906.

Politically Mr. Alford gives his allegiance to the democratic party. He has taken the interest of an intelligent and wide-awake citizen in local affairs and for fourteen years has served as county supervisor, a position he has filled to the general satisfaction of taxpayers irrespective of their party affiliation. He has also held various other offices of responsibility, evincing a fidelity to trust that has gained for him many friends throughout the county. He is a staunch supporter of worthy causes and his religious belief is indicated by membership in the Methodist church.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ARMSTRONG.

For nearly half a century Christopher Columbus Armstrong was identified with the mercantile business at Girard and became one of the best known men in this part of the state. Having accumulated a competency, he retired from active labor eight years ago and at the age of seventy-four is now enjoying the results of his well-directed efforts. He is a native of Illinois, born in Jersey county, January 2, 1837, a son of Maurice and Elizabeth (Sims) Armstrong, both of whom were born in Kentucky. The grandfather of our subject on the paternal side was Joshua Armstrong, a native of Pennsylvania.

Christopher C. Armstrong attended the district schools of Jersey county and remained with his parents, assisting on the home farm until after he arrived at the age of seventeen. He then undertook farming on his own account in Montgomery county, but after an experience of one year gave up the pursuit of agriculture and secured a position as clerk in the grocery establishment of H. F. Bridges at Girard, occupying a similar position under N. F. Horn the following year. In 1857 he entered the grocery business on his own account under the title of M. Armstrong & Son, the name of the firm becoming Armstrong & Bowsher in 1860, Russell Bowsher being the junior member. In 1861 Mr. Armstrong acquired the interest of his partner and for a year conducted the business under the title of C. C. Armstrong. He then admitted his brother, Andrew S., as a partner, and for three years the firm was known as Armstrong Brothers. In 1865 Mr. Armstrong of this review disposed of his interest to E. M. Cooper and associated with O. H. Gobble in the organization of the firm of Armstrong, Gobble & Clark, clothiers and dry-goods merchants. Mr. Armstrong sold his interest in this business to Leonard J. Thompson and in 1867 he purchased the grocery of Armstrong & Cooper, the title of the firm again becoming C. C. Armstrong. In 1871 he admitted John W. Ballinger as a partner, consolidating the drug and grocery business in one establishment, but in 1873 purchased Mr. Ballinger's interest, and for thirty years the business was conducted by Mr. Armstrong in his own name, proving one of the highly flourishing enterprises of the kind. Since 1903 Mr. Armstrong has lived retired.

On November 13, 1862, Mr. Armstrong was married in Sangamon county to Miss Fannie D. Weed, a native of Madison county, Illinois. She is a daugh-

ter of Fred and Martha (Boone) Weed. The father was born in Connecticut and the mother in Kentucky, the latter being a direct descendant of Daniel Boone, the noted hunter and Indian fighter. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong. Herbert, the eldest, married Nellie Moore, and they now live in St. Louis. Paul married Jessie Shuff. He resides at Girard and has two children, Frank and Gladys. Byron, a resident of Jacksonville, married Nora Parent, and they have two children, Marceline and Beata. Irene married Dee Morrow and they are living at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. In their family are three children, James Lamont, Lum Armstrong and Dorothy Dee.

Politically Mr. Armstrong adheres to the democratic party. He has taken an active interest in public affairs and served as a member of the board of supervisors, trustee and treasurer of Girard, and also as school trustee under the old system. Fraternally he is connected with Lodge No. 171, A. F. & A. M., which he has served as treasurer for thirty years; Lodge No. 132, R. A. M., all the offices of which he has filled; and Hiawatha Lodge, K. P., of Girard, of which he was a charter member. He is of a genial, social temperament, and it is greatly to his credit that the friends whom he made many years ago still speak in unqualified terms of his sterling characteristics. He early learned that "all things come to him who waits"—and works intelligently. He used discrimination in his business and at the very beginning of his active career learned to depend upon his own judgment, the dominant note of his life being self-reliance. It is men of this character who gain the prizes and are the rightful leaders in every community.

PHILLIP GERBER.

Phillip Gerber, a well known and successful carpenter, contractor and builder of Carlinville, maintains his residence at No. 407 Orient street. His birth occurred in Waterloo, Illinois, on the 13th of April, 1884, his parents being Phillip and Mary (Rick) Gerber, both of whom were natives of this state. The paternal grandfather, who was born in Germany, was twice married, Phillip being the only child of his first union. The maternal grandfather of our subject was also a native of Germany and lived to the age of about ninety-five years. He and his wife, Mrs. Mary Rick, took up their abode among the early settlers in the vicinity of St. Louis, Missouri. They had a number of children, including Anton, Charles, Fred, Gottlieb, John and Mary.

Philip Gerber, the father of our subject, followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and made his home in the vicinity of Waterloo. He inherited a farm from his father, but sold the property and cultivated rented land. His demise occurred in 1887, when he had attained the age of about forty-five years. His widow, who has made her home at Carlinville for the past twenty-two years, is a devoted member of the German Evangelical church. They were the parents of eight children, seven of whom reached mature years, as follows: Lizzie, the wife of Charles Bloom, of North Otter township; Mary, who is the wife of Charles Loehr and resides in Carlinville; Katie, the wife of F. C. Leefers, of Shaws Point township; Emma, the wife of George

Schmidt, of Honey Point township; Anna, the wife of Herman Tostberg, of Carlinville township; Phillip, of this review; and Charles, living in Carlinville.

The gentleman whose name introduces this review has resided in Carlinville from the age of five. He attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education and worked at farm labor until a youth of eighteen. At that time he began learning the carpenter's trade, which occupation has since claimed his attention. For the past three years he has likewise done contract work. Though still young in years, he is a fine workman and has erected a number of substantial buildings in Carlinville. Industrious, enterprising and ambitious, he has won an enviable reputation in the business and social circles of Carlinville, which town has been his home for twenty-two years.

On the 26th of April, 1906, Mr. Gerber was united in marriage to Miss Anna Geiser, a native of Carlinville, Illinois, and a daughter of William and Mary (Pfaff) Geiser, natives of Germany, who have made their home at Carlinville for the past twenty-five years. They had nine children, namely: William; Mary; Anna; Joseph; Charles; Henry; Lilly; Rose, and Theodore, who died at the age of five years. Mr. and Mrs. Gerber have two children, Theodore and Alfred.

In politics Mr. Gerber is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Evangelical church. His wife is a faithful communicant of the Catholic church. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Carlinville.

GEORGE F. W. HARRIS, SR.

Among the beautiful homes of Bunker Hill township is that of George F. W. Harris, one of the well known and prominent residents of this locality, who is now living retired, having reached the eighty-fifth milestone on life's journey. He was born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1826, and in his native country was reared to manhood and there acquired his education. When old enough to enter the business world on his own account he took up farming as a life work, and was thus engaged in his native country until twenty-four years of age. Intelligence then came to him of the superior advantages offered to an ambitious and industrious youth in the new world, and, determining to seek his fortune on this side of the Atlantic, he left Ireland in 1850 and came to the United States.

In the following year he located in LaSalle county, Illinois, where he resided upon a farm for two years, and in 1853 he arrived in Macoupin county, which has since remained the field of his activity. He yet continues his residence upon the farm upon which he first located after coming to this county and which, in its present excellent state of cultivation, bears no resemblance whatever to its former condition. When it came into his possession it was an unbroken tract of prairie land, covered by native grasses and unknown to harrow or plow, and something of the industry, energy and perseverance which characterized his efforts during the intervening years, is manifest in the fact that today it is one of the most highly improved and valuable properties in Bunker Hill township or this part of the

county. In its midst he has erected a beautiful dwelling, fashioned after the style of old English homesteads. As the years have come and gone prosperity in substantial measure has come to him, and he is now able to live retired from active life, leaving the cares and responsibilities of his estate to younger hands.

Ere leaving his native country Mr. Harris was united in marriage to Miss Maria Jamison Barry, who was also born and reared in County Cork, and with her husband came to America in 1850. Unto them were born eight children, but of this number only four survive, namely: George F. W., Jr., assisting his father in the operation of the home farm, superintending the actual work of the place; Abel, also at home; Maria Joyce and Sallie J., the deceased wife of William Tuttle, of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Since its organization Mr. Harris has been a stalwart supporter of the republican party, although he has never sought nor desired public office. His career has ever been actuated by high principles and today, at the venerable age of eighty-five years, he can look back upon a life of honorable activity which he has lived to good purpose.

WILLIAM E. DENBY.

William E. Denby is one of the representative citizens of Carlinville township and is well known in this section, having passed almost his entire life in Macoupin county. He was born in Carlinville township February 26, 1869, a son of William A. and Naomi (Solomon) Denby, both of whom were born in Illinois. The father grew to manhood under his parents' guidance, after which he rented land from his father for a short time, and subsequently purchased a farm from the latter, which he cultivated until 1903. He then retired from active labor and removed to Carlinville, where he now lives, having arrived at the age of seventy-three years. His wife died in June, 1890.

Mr. Denby of this sketch possessed advantages of education in the district schools and also attended college at Valparaiso, Indiana, for one term. Having prepared himself for the active duties of life, he assisted his father on the home farm until after arriving at twenty-one years of age. He worked for wages among the farmers of the neighborhood for one year and was then married, subsequently cultivating one of his father's farms. In January, 1900, he went to southern Illinois and made his home in Jefferson county for three years, at the close of which period he returned to Macoupin county and rented a farm of his father for two years. He then moved to the old home place where he has ever since resided, engaging quite extensively in agriculture and stock-raising. He keeps forty or fifty cattle, about two hundred and twenty head of sheep, one hundred and twenty-five head of hogs and about ten head of horses. He is an excellent judge of live stock and, as he gives careful attention to all the details of his business, he has met with merited success.

In March, 1893, Mr. Denby was married to Miss Sarah E. Brown, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Williams) Brown. Her father was a native of Virginia and her mother of Illinois. Mr. Brown began farming in Macoupin county many years ago. He bought land which he cleared and improved, de-

veloping it into good producing property. He continued upon his home farm until his death, in 1897, his wife having been called away twelve years before. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Denby, namely: William Cecil, who is sixteen years of age; and Arthur Franklin, aged fourteen.

Religiously Mr. Denby and his family affiliate with the Methodist church and politically he gives his support to the democratic party, the principles of which appeal to him as well adapted to preserve the institutions of a free government. He has never sought the honors of public office, but for nine years has filled the position of school director, in the course of which time he has assisted materially in advancing the permanent welfare of the schools by the employment of competent teachers. He is a valued member of the Court of Honor and can also claim many friends outside of this order, as he is well worthy of the esteem of his fellow-men.

H. D. FOLTZ.

No class of persons deserves higher respect than the teachers who have conscientiously endeavored to perform their duty in the training of the young. Of this number is H. D. Foltz who for nearly forty years devoted his best energies to training boys and girls in order that they might become useful and honorable members of society. That he succeeded is evidenced by the respect in which he is held by his former pupils, hundreds of whom are now established in their life work and ascribe their success to the influence and example of their revered schoolmaster.

Born at Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, October 3, 1847, he is a son of Henry W. and Mary (Lindley) Foltz. The father was a native of Sussex county, Massachusetts, and was born in 1812, while the mother was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. The grandfather of our subject, George Foltz, was a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. He emigrated to America and first located in Massachusetts. Later he took up his residence in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged at his trade as a wagonmaker for the remainder of his life. The mother came to America with her parents in her girlhood and grew to maturity in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania. Henry W. Foltz became a resident of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, early in his life and secured his education in the public schools of that county. He dealt in live stock for a number of years but became connected with public affairs and for the last forty years of his life filled the office of associate judge. He was a prominent and influential man in the community and his political allegiance was given to the democratic party. He died in 1902 and his wife was called away in 1894. She was an earnest member of the Reformed church and a woman of many admirable characteristics. There were eleven children in their family, five of whom are deceased. Those living are: H. D., of this review; John, James and George, all of whom live at Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Jennie McFadden, who lives in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; and Amanda, the wife of George Rhinehart, of Mount Pleasant.

H. D. Foltz attended the common schools and later was a student at Sewickley Academy. He pursued his studies further at the state normal school, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1866. He taught school in his native state for four years and then removed to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and served for one year as principal of the Jefferson street school of that city. In 1869 he came to Macoupin county, and was engaged in teaching in this county until 1909, making a total period of about forty years in a vocation for which he was peculiarly fitted. He was principal of the Palmyra school for eleven consecutive years and gained a standing as one of the most competent teachers in this part of the state. About 1895 he purchased one hundred and five acres of land in section 21, Bird township, and for fourteen years has had charge of his farm, carrying the work forward without interfering with his school duties. He is a successful agriculturist and also has won high standing as a breeder of trotting horses, every horse on his place being a standard bred animal. In addition to his activities as a teacher and business man he possesses rare talent as a public speaker and has delivered some notable addresses in Illinois and other states.

On the 16th of September, 1873, Mr. Foltz was married to Miss Bella Chisholm, whose father was born in Scotland and the mother in England. Mr. and Mrs. Foltz are the parents of four children, namely: Flora, who is the wife of C. C. Alford, of Chesterfield; Minnie, who married J. E. Gleason, of Bird township; Roy H., who is engaged in the drug business at Granite City; and Harry C., who lives at home. In politics Mr. Foltz gives his support to the republican party. Fraternally he is connected with Lodge No. 753, I. O. O. F., of Hettick, Illinois; Lodge No. 407, K. P., of Greenfield, Illinois, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He has served as a member of the Grand Lodge of the latter organization and also in various other offices. At the outbreak of the Civil war he was attending college in Pennsylvania and became a member of the State Guard. His regiment was called into active service when General Lee invaded the Keystone state, and he commanded a company at the battle of Gettysburg, where he received a bullet in his leg, which he still carries. Always governed by a high sense of personal responsibility, he is recognized as one of the reliable men of the county—a man who never betrayed a confidence and whose word is as good as his bond. His religious belief and practice is founded upon the Golden Rule and he has made many friends by his kindly disposition, who justly honor him for his services as an educator and a citizen.

JOHN F. AHRENS.

John F. Ahrens, one of the most prominent and highly esteemed residents of Gillespie, now serving as postmaster of this city, is a representative of a family well known and honored in this locality. A native of Macoupin county, Illinois, he was born in Staunton on the 16th of March, 1855, a son of Peter J. and Maria M. (Ruther) Ahrens, both natives of Germany. The former came to this country from the fatherland in 1848, while the latter's family arrived in

the United States a year later. The father upon entering the business world became identified with the merchandising enterprise at Staunton and later came to Gillespie, where he followed the same occupation for several years, or until he sold his interests to his son, John F. Ahrens. He was also engaged in the milling business in Gillespie for a time, and was very successful as a business man. He passed away in April, 1900, while his wife survived until December, 1902. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal church of which they were loyal supporters, and in the work of which they were deeply interested. Mr. Ahrens was well known in republican circles in this locality, having served for several years as member of the town council, also as town treasurer and as justice of the peace, and few residents of Gillespie were held in higher regard than Peter J. Ahrens.

In the public schools of Gillespie John F. Ahrens acquired a good education, and after putting aside his text-books he entered his father's store, being therein engaged until his nineteenth year. He then took up agricultural pursuits and for about ten years was engaged in general farming, but, his health breaking down, he returned to city life and for about two years was identified with the elevator and grain business in Gillespie. In 1890 he purchased his father's mercantile business, the conduct of which occupied his time for four years, and then for about five years he served as deputy sheriff under Sheriff Davenport and later under Fahrenkrog. In 1898 he was appointed postmaster of Gillespie, and in October of that year assumed the duties of that office, which he has since performed to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He is not only a very capable and efficient official but also a most popular one, well liked by every class of citizens. He is a stalwart republican in politics, and his fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Ahrens possesses those characteristics which win and retain warm friendships, and he is well worthy of the prominent position which he occupies in the esteem and regard of his fellowmen.

LOUIS W. EICKMEYER.

Louis W. Eickmeyer is one of the progressive and representative agriculturists of Cahokia township, where he owns two hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land. His birth occurred in St. Louis, Missouri, on the 10th of December, 1852, his parents being William and Wilhelmina (Kruse) Eickmeyer, who were born, reared and married in Prussia, Germany, where two children were born unto them. In 1852 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States in a sailing vessel, landing at New Orleans after a voyage of three months. Leaving the Crescent City, they made their way up the Mississippi river to St. Louis, Missouri, where they resided for about eight years, William Eickmeyer being employed as a laborer. On the expiration of that period he came to Macoupin county, Illinois, and here followed farming as a renter. Subsequently he purchased the farm now owned by his son Frank on section 36, Cahokia township, where he was successfully engaged in general

agricultural pursuits until called to his final rest in 1900. The demise of his wife had occurred in 1899. They were well known and highly esteemed throughout the community and their loss was widely mourned.

Louis W. Eickmeyer attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until twenty-seven years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own, locating on the eighty-acre tract which was his patrimony. This land was on section 23, Cahokia township, and Mr. Eickmeyer remained thereon for about eleven years. In 1890 he removed to another farm in the same section and has resided thereon continuously since. His landed holdings now aggregate two hundred and sixty acres in Cahokia township and he is widely recognized as one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of the community. All of the improvements on his farm, including a modern brick residence, stand as monuments to his thrift and industry. Through the employment of progressive methods in tilling the soil he has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and annually gathers rich crops which find a ready sale on the market.

In 1879 Mr. Eickmeyer was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Gehner, a daughter of Henry Gehner, one of the old residents of Cahokia township. Unto them were born ten children, eight of whom still survive, as follows: Wilhelmina, the wife of William Stichnote, of Mount Olive; Charlotte, who is at home; William, a resident of Gillespie, Illinois; Anna, who is the wife of Henry Tiemann and resides in Montgomery county, Illinois; and Fred, Louis, Jr., Emma and Herman, all yet at home.

Mr. Eickmeyer is a staunch republican in politics and has served as trustee of the school board and also as highway commissioner, ever discharging his official duties in a most prompt and capable manner. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Evangelical Lutheran church, to which his wife and children also belong. A man whose life has always been in keeping with high standards, he justly deserves the full measure of confidence and respect now entertained for him by all who know him.

JOHN TRIBLE.

John Tribble, now living retired at Girard, is one of the prosperous land-owners of Macoupin county. For over fifty years he engaged in farming and since 1895 has enjoyed at ease the fruits of his labors. He is a native of Devonshire, England, and was born April 8, 1838, a son of John and Mary (Oliver) Tribble, both of whom were born in England. In his boyhood Mr. Tribble of this review possessed fair advantages of education. He continued in his native land until eighteen years of age, and then emigrated with his parents to the new world, arriving in Jersey county, Illinois, in 1856. He worked on the farm of a cousin for three years, from where he came to Nilwood township, Macoupin county, there purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land upon which he established his home. He was highly successful as a farmer and stock-raiser and as opportunity presented he bought more land,

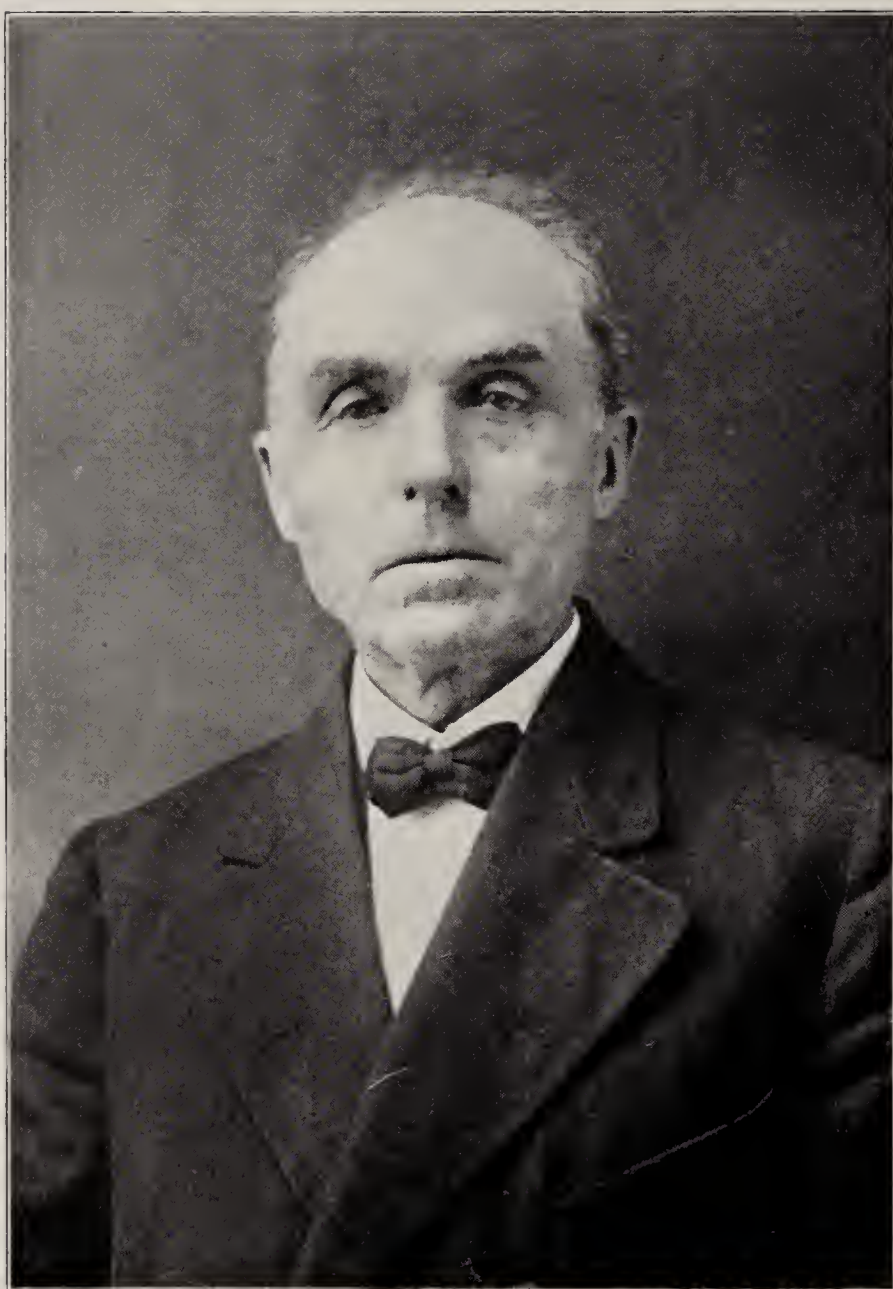
becoming the owner of two hundred acres in Nilwood township and ninety acres in North Otter township. In 1895 he retired from active labor and has since occupied a comfortable home at Girard.

On the 20th of November, 1874, Mr. Tribble was married in Girard township to Miss Sarah E. Stewart, who was born in New Jersey, a daughter of Robert Stewart, also a native of New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Tribble are the parents of two children: Fannie, who married E. L. Wilson, of Plainview, Illinois, and has one child, Mildred; and Grace, who became the wife of William Alford, of Nilwood township, and is also the mother of one child, Helen. Mr. Tribble accepts the national platforms of the republican party as his guide in politics but in local affairs is influenced largely by the character of the candidates and their fitness for responsibility. He is broad in his religious belief and holds membership in the Universalist church of Girard, of which he is a trustee. He has through life been governed by high principles and has gained a most creditable name among the people of the county of his adoption.

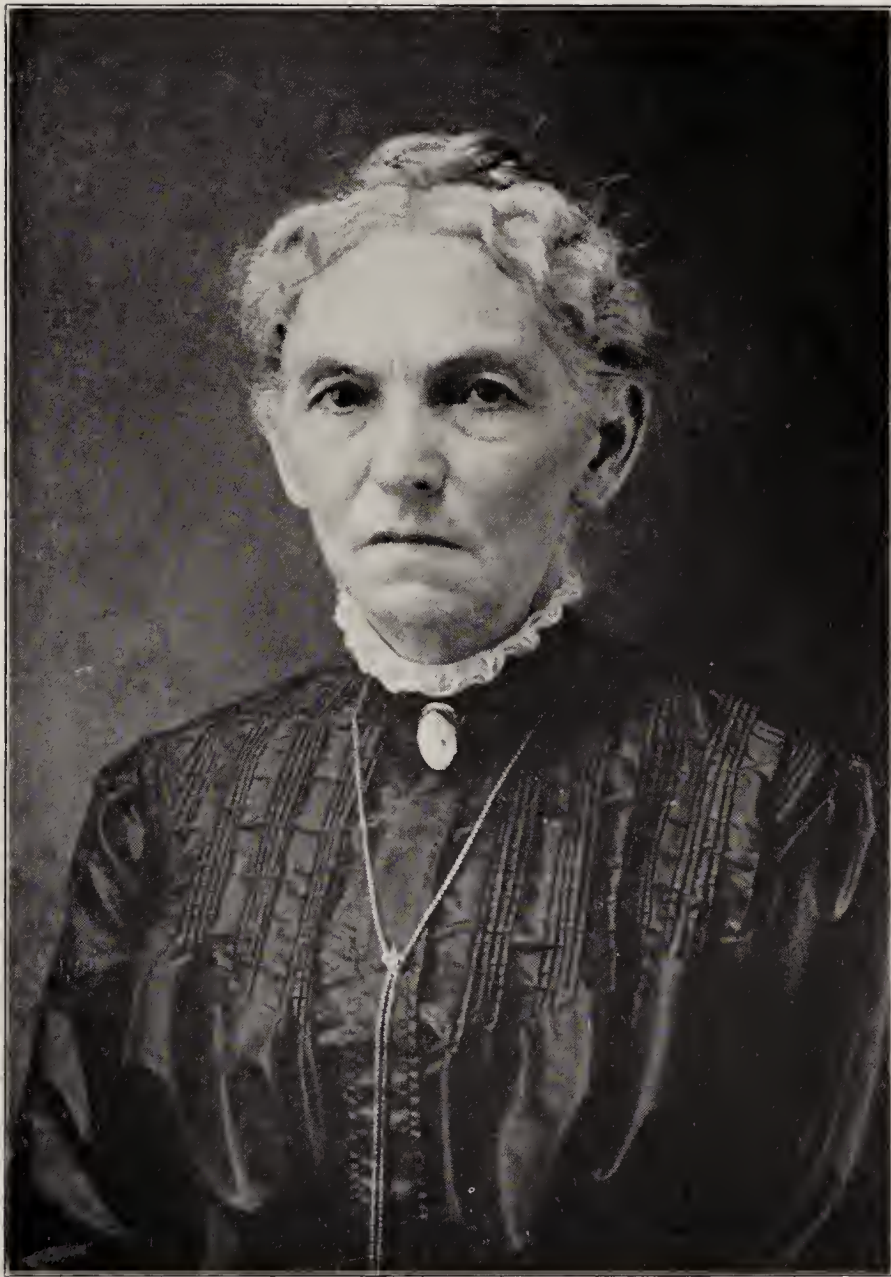
COBUS J. KEISER.

Cobus J. Keiser, whose name is inseparably interwoven with the annals of Mount Olive, has done more for the upbuilding and development of the town than any other individual and has long been numbered among the most prominent citizens of Macoupin county. His birth occurred in Hanover, Germany, on the 4th of September, 1841, his parents being John J. and Geske (Heien) Keiser, who were born, reared and married at that place. In 1854 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States with their children, landing in New Orleans and coming up the Mississippi river to Alton, Illinois. They spent the succeeding winter in Madison county, Illinois, and in the spring of 1855 settled on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 14, Mount Olive township, Macoupin county, the tract being still in its primitive condition. The demise of John J. Keiser occurred soon afterward, on the 6th of December, 1855. His widow, surviving him for many years, passed away in 1889 while making her home with her daughter Anna. They were both active and consistent members of the Evangelical Lutheran church and were held in high esteem by all who knew them.

Cobus J. Keiser supplemented his preliminary education, obtained in the public schools, by a course of study in the State University. Having thus fitted himself for the practical and responsible duties of life, he entered upon his business career. Mount Olive, one of the busiest little commercial marts in this section of the country, owes its growth largely to the enterprise and energy of Mr. Keiser, who in 1868 established a small mercantile house in association with his father-in-law, J. C. Niemann. The following spring they enlarged their store and increased their stock to include a general line of merchandise. That was the beginning of the present extensive firm known as Niemann & Keiser, which occupies several large storerooms and handles practically every line of merchandise except drugs and lumber. When the Wabash Railroad was built through



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Mount Olive in 1870, Mr. Keiser assumed control of all the business at this point and was thus connected with the road until 1877, when more important interests caused his resignation. He gave a decided impetus to the growth of the town when he organized the Mount Olive Coal Company and opened up a coal shaft. He became one of the most extensive stockholders of the concern and was made superintendent and active business manager, continuing as such for some years. A shaft was sunk four hundred feet to a rich vein of coal seven feet thick, and the output was about sixty car loads a day. A second shaft was completed in 1877. After some years, owing to a lack of energy on the part of some of the directors, the business was transferred to the Consolidated Coal Company of St. Louis. The transfer, however, was much against Mr. Keiser's wishes.

Recognizing the need of a flour mill and anxious to promote industrial activity, Mr. Keiser and Henry Prange erected in 1876 the large Anchor Mills which have proven of such great value in the upbuilding of the town. In 1881, after some years of successful operation, the name of the firm was changed to Keiser Brothers, A. J. Keiser succeeding Mr. Prange. They do an extensive foreign as well as domestic business. The continued growth of the business of the mercantile firm of Keiser, Niemann & Company awoke the partners to the need of a bank. Accordingly, in 1882, C. J. Keiser established and opened a bank in his large brick building at the corner of Main and Poplar streets. It is a private bank conducted under the name of C. J. Keiser & Company, and is supplied with all the appliances and appointments necessary for carrying on a general banking business, including a fine vault and burglar-proof safe for the accommodation and safety of depositors. C. J. Keiser is the president and general manager of the institution, while his son, Edward A. W. Keiser, acts as cashier.

Mr. Keiser has also been instrumental in securing excellent railroad facilities for Mount Olive. It was largely due to his efforts that a branch of the Peoria & St. Louis Railroad was built from Mount Olive to Alhambra, Illinois, where it connects with the Clover Leaf, running into St. Louis. The undertaking incurred large expenditures of time and money and its successful completion indicates the business ability and energy which have marked the career of Mr. Keiser through life. When the Jackson & Southeastern Railway Company decided to run a branch through Mount Olive they found Mr. Keiser ready to give financial aid. He donated valuable lots for depot purposes and in other ways assisted in establishing the road. The lots on which the city hall and public library are located were his gifts to the city.

On the 9th of November, 1867, Mr. Keiser was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Niemann, a daughter of John C. Niemann. Their union was blessed with nine children, of whom the following still survive: Pauline, Amanda, Adolph H., Edward A. W. and Bertha. Four died in infancy. The children have enjoyed excellent educational advantages and have also received financial assistance from their parents.

In politics Mr. Keiser is a republican and he has long been a leader in the local ranks of his party. For seventeen years he served as postmaster of Mount Olive and for a number of years acted as president of the town board. In 1883, when the new township was formed, he was elected its first supervisor, holding the office until 1891 and doing much to reduce the enormous courthouse debt

during that period. Both he and his wife are devoted and consistent members of the Lutheran church, exemplifying its teachings in their daily lives. Mr. Keiser acted as superintendent of the Sunday school for a time and served the church in one official capacity or another for a number of years. Generous and liberal in disposition, no worthy cause or needy individual seeks his aid in vain. When was proposed the erection of the present handsome Lutheran church, which is the finest edifice in the city and one of the largest in the county, he donated the lots and three thousand dollars in money.

The specific and distinctive office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments but rather to leave the perpetual record establishing his character by the consensus of opinion on the part of his fellowmen. Throughout Macoupin county Mr. Keiser is spoken of in terms of admiration and respect. His life has been so varied in its activity, so honorable in its purposes, so far reaching and beneficial in its effects that it has become an integral part of the history of the county and has also left an impress upon the annals of the state. He has exerted an immeasurable influence on the city of his residence: in business life as a financier and promoter of extensive industrial and commercial enterprises; in social circles by reason of a charming personality and unfeigned cordiality; in politics by reason of his public spirit and devotion to the general good as well as his comprehensive understanding of the questions affecting state and national welfare; and in those departments of activity which ameliorate hard conditions of life for the unfortunate by his benevolence and his liberality.

JOHN W. DELAPP.

The mercantile interests of Medora are worthily represented by John W. Delapp, whose practical knowledge of business, acquired by years of close application, has gained for him recognition as one of the leaders in commercial circles of Macoupin county. He is a member of a prominent southern family and was born near Maynardville, Tennessee, October 12, 1865, a son of John and Margiannah (Childress) Delapp, the former of whom was born in 1836.

The grandfather of our subject was William Delapp. He was born upon a plantation near Richmond, Virginia, and during the '30s removed to Tennessee, settling on a farm six miles west of Maynardville. His wife was a Miss Richards, also of a Virginia family. Mr. Delapp was one of the pioneers of Maynardville and raised the first crop in that neighborhood. He was very successful as a farmer and became the owner of about twelve hundred acres of land. He died about 1859. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Delapp were eight children: Susan, who married George Graves, of Maynardville, now deceased; Rosannah, who became the wife of McHenry Butcher, of Maynardville, also deceased; Margaret, who married Elliott Ledgerwood, of Maynardville, deceased; Samuel, who lived near Maynardville and is also deceased; John, the father of our subject; George, now living near Loudon, Tennessee; Jane, the

deceased wife of Martin Gentry, of Maynardville; and Joseph, who lived at Oakdale, Tennessee, and is deceased.

John Delapp, the father of our subject, was educated in the public schools and applied himself to agriculture and stock-raising upon the old home farm in Tennessee for many years. About five years before his death he moved to a place five miles north of the home farm and there passed away July 21, 1891. He was three times married, his first wife being Susan Jane Butcher. There were five children born to this union: Susan Catharine, who is the wife of George W. Gentry, of Lamar, Colorado; Lafayette, who died in infancy; Nancy Jane, who married John Caldwell, of Sherman, Texas, and is now deceased; Alva, who was the wife of Reuben Ridenour, of Maynardville, and is also deceased; and James McHenry, who died in infancy. The second wife of Mr. Delapp was the mother of our subject. There was one other child by this union, Hannah Rosannah Elizabeth, who married Henry Graves, of Maynardville. The third wife of Mr. Delapp was Jane Crawford, and she was the mother of five children: Martin Brazil, now living near Maynardville; Sarah 'Ann, who died at the age of sixteen years; Samuel, who passed away at the age of eighteen years; Amanda, who also died at sixteen; and Mary, now living at Maynardville and the wife of Sterling Smith.

Mr. Delapp of this review was reared on his father's farm and in the public schools of his native state secured the foundation of an education. At the age of nineteen, being desirous of seeing the world, he came to Illinois and for two years worked on a farm in Greene county. He then returned to Tennessee, where he remained six years, engaging in the general merchandise and lumber business. In 1893 he arrived once more in Illinois and settled upon a farm on Hawkins Prairie, six miles west of Medora. In 1898 he went to Maynardville, Tennessee, on a visit and on account of his wife's health took up his residence at Snoderly, Knox county, Tennessee, where he engaged in the general merchandise business. After two years in his native state he sold out and returned to Hawkins Prairie, Illinois, where he erected a store building and secured the establishment of a postoffice, now known as Ruyle. He engaged in the general merchandise business there for four years and then, in 1905, settled at Medora, buying out the mercantile establishment of William Cook. The business is conducted under the title of Delapp & Gilworth. The firm handles vehicles, harness, implements and an extensive line of goods in demand by farmers. As the business is well managed the patronage has steadily increased and the house is one of the flourishing concerns of Medora.

On the 2d of October, 1895, Mr. Delapp was married to Miss Delia Jane Gilworth, who was born May 10, 1873, a daughter of Harvey and Mary Ann (Pritchett) Gilworth. Mrs. Delapp died March 26, 1908, leaving one son, Harvey Earl, a highly promising boy who was born August 29, 1901.

Harvey Gilworth was born in Jersey county, near Medora, August 4, 1853, a son of John and Nancy (Henry) Gilworth, in whose family were ten children, namely: Lewis, of Jerseyville, deceased; John, who lived at Medora and is also deceased; Green, of Montgomery county, who has also passed away; George, who made his home at Brighton, and is deceased; Reed, now living near Medora; Perry, who died at Courtland, Kansas; William, also living in

Medora; Harvey, of Medora; Eliza Ann, who married William Pegg, of East St. Louis, and is deceased; and Martha, the widow of John Higgins, of Kemper. Harvey Gilworth passed most of his life as a farmer in Jersey county but retired in 1905 and has since made his home at Medora. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Ann Pritchett, is a daughter of Jacob Harrison and Rebecca Ann (Smith) Pritchett, the parents of the latter having come from Kentucky and settled in Jersey county in the '20s. They had five children: John Harrison; Hannah Elizabeth, the deceased wife of John Hinkle, of Jersey county; Mary Ann and Rebecca Jane, twins, the former of whom was the mother of Mrs. Delapp and the latter the wife of John Hindman, of Flora, Clay county; and Sarah Emily, the wife of John Gross, of Jersey county. To Harvey Gilworth and wife were born eight children: John Henry, who died in infancy; Edward, now living at Medora; Ida May, the wife of French Farrow, of St. Louis, Missouri; Delia Jane, who married John W. Delapp and is deceased; Lottie Bell, at home; Nellie Brown, who died at the age of thirty years; Elmer Claude, who makes his home in Jersey county; and Walter Rolla, who died at the age of five years.

Mr. Delapp, whose name stands at the head of this sketch, has been for many years an active worker in the democratic party. He is now serving as mayor of Medora and has also occupied a chair on the village board. He was elected justice of the peace several times but declined to serve. In religious belief he affiliates with the Baptist church. He is highly energetic in his business affairs and in everything he undertakes and his success has been truly merited. He possesses a genial and kindly temperament, an inviting appearance and the manners of a man who intelligently views the world and can ably perform his part in any responsibility which he may assume. It is to men of this character that the advancement in modern business is due.

FRANK P. BABBITT.

Frank P. Babbitt, of Virden township, who is recognized as a highly competent general farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Macoupin, March 12, 1862. He is a son of F. C. and Henrietta (Purdy) Babbitt, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of New York state. The father died in 1906 in Florida, where he had gone to spend the winter, but the mother is now living and makes her home at South Bend, Indiana. In their family were eight children, namely: Allie, deceased; Frank P.; Fannie E., of South Bend; Jennie G., who is the wife of L. P. Hardy, of South Bend; Bertha and Grace, both of whom are living in South Bend, the latter being a teacher in the public schools; C. L., a resident of Virden; and Henrietta, who died in infancy.

Mr. Babbitt of this review received the advantages of a common-school education and continued with his parents until twenty-one years of age. Having decided to devote his attention to farming he rented eighty acres of land and succeeded so well in his venture that he increased the number to one hundred and sixty acres the second year, and has continued to assume larger

responsibilities until at the present time he is cultivating three hundred and twenty acres on section 1, Virden township. Having early become thoroughly acquainted with the various details of agriculture and stock-raising, to which he has devoted his best ability with very gratifying results, his continued advancement is assured.

On the 28th of January, 1885, Mr. Babbitt was married to Miss Laura C. Clemmons, a daughter of John R. and Elizabeth Ann Clemmons, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Four children were born to this union, namely: John F., who is now living at Virden; and Clarence E., George M. and Harry C., all of whom are at home.

Fraternally Mr. Babbitt is identified with the Woodmen and the Anti-Horse Thief Association; religiously he is in full sympathy with the Christian church, of which he is an earnest member. He is a stalwart republican in politics and is now serving as school trustee. He has spent his entire life in Macoupin county and can claim a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who have found him reliable in all the relations of life and recognize in him one who ably performs his duty as a progressive and patriotic citizen.

A. D. LOVELESS.

The native sons of Macoupin county have been largely instrumental in the upbuilding of this section of the state and many of the most successful citizens the county has known were born within its limits. A. D. Loveless whose eyes opened to the light June 8, 1860, on his father's farm in Bird township, belongs among those who have through life made Macoupin county their home. His father, Samuel Loveless, a native of Tennessee, for many years engaged in farming in Bird township and was one of the respected men of this section. He died at an advanced age, August 3, 1907. The mother, whose maiden name was Almira Comer, was also born in Tennessee and resides in Carlinville. In their family were the following children: Angeline, now deceased; A. D., of this review; Arthur, who makes his home in Carlinville; M. J., of Seattle, Washington; and Hattie, who married Claude Bates, of Bird township.

A. D. Loveless attended the district schools where he secured good advantages of education and continued under the parental roof until twenty-one years of age. He then moved to the place he has since owned, in Bird township, and by systematic application developed the farm until it became highly productive. He made all the improvements, applying modern ideas and methods, so that the property is today supplied with all desirable conveniences. The farm embraces one hundred and eighty-five acres and as a large part of the land is under cultivation it yields a handsome annual revenue. Four years ago Mr. Loveless purchased an attractive home on First West street, in Carlinville, where he has since resided. He has not, however, given up his farming interests and the home place is being cultivated by his son.

In 1881 he was married to Miss Anna E. Duckels, a sister of George Duckels, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work, and they have two children:

Myrtle, who is living with her parents; and T. A., who makes his home upon his father's farm. Politically Mr. Loveless is a republican and never fails to support the national ticket of his party. He has never cared for public office but has served as school director. Fraternally he is identified with the camp of Modern Woodmen of America of Carlinville. He belongs to the Baptist church while his wife holds membership in the Methodist church. Having been animated early in life with the desire to discharge his responsibilities bravely and efficiently, he has ably performed his part and established a reputation as one of the reliable men of this region. That he is eminently practical has been demonstrated, not only in his business undertakings, but in his social relations, and he is held in high regard wherever he is known.

GRANT DUCKELS.

Grant Duckels, a representative agriculturist and well known citizen of Macoupin county, is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 5, Chesterfield township. His birth occurred in that township on the 28th of October, 1863, his parents being Richard and Elizabeth (Morris) Duckels, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of John H. Duckels, a brother of our subject.

Grant Duckels obtained his education in the public schools and was reared to manhood on his father's farm. He has lived on the home place from his birth to the present time, for when his father died the property came into his possession. It comprises one hundred and sixty acres of land and has been brought under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Duckels has erected several out-buildings and his place is lacking in none of the improvements and conveniences of a model farm of the twentieth century. The residence, built sixty years ago, is a large red brick structure of colonial style and is surrounded by shrubbery and trees. Mr. Duckels raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also feeds stock, the latter branch of his business adding materially to his annual income. He is an industrious, energetic and enterprising agriculturist who takes pride in enhancing the value and productiveness of the old family homestead.

On the 18th of February, 1900, Mr. Duckels was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Lyon, a daughter of Charles and Emma (Harlan) Lyon. Her paternal grandparents, Dr. Samuel and Rebecca Lyon, came from Boston, Massachusetts, to Jersey county, Illinois, settling at Delhi, where the grandfather practiced medicine throughout the remainder of his life. His son, Charles Lyon, the father of Mrs. Duckels, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on the 17th of April, 1854. After his marriage he followed farming in Macoupin county, Illinois, subsequently removing to Jersey county. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Emma Harlan, is a daughter of George and Sarah Harlan. George Harlan conducted a store at Kemper, Illinois, and was the son of Rev. Levin Harlan, a member of the famous Harlan family of Kentucky, who came to Macoupin county in an early day and entered government land. Rev. Harlan was a Methodist preacher and at one time also conducted a store at Chesterfield, Illinois.

A few years ago a great reunion of the Harlan family was held in Kentucky, and the Illinois branch, including Mrs. Duckels, was invited to attend. Mr. and Mrs. Duckels have five children, namely: Emma, Richard, Mildred, Theodore and Delbert, all still at home.

In politics Mr. Duckels is a republican but his aspirations have not been in the line of office holding. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a man of exemplary habits and strict integrity, in manner unassuming, and all who know him entertain for him the highest regard and esteem.

JOHN C. NIXON.

The possibilities of agriculture in Macoupin county are well understood by John C. Nixon, who has been engaged in farming in this county ever since his boyhood. He was born in Bird township, October 22, 1863, and is a son of George and Mary (Womack) Nixon, the former of whom was a native of Ohio and the latter of Macoupin county. The father grew to manhood in the Buckeye state and engaged in farming there, but in 1861, about the time of the outbreak of the Civil war, came to Macoupin county, Illinois, and rented a farm. He was married to Miss Mary Womack in this county and shortly after that event purchased sixty acres of land in Bird township, which he cleared and improved. He continued upon this place for twenty-two years, when he sold it and rented a large farm, being assisted in his work by a family of eight boys. He died October 9, 1909. The mother is still living on the old Scotch Carr farm, where her husband spent his last days, and is now sixty-seven years of age, being one of the honored residents of the community.

John C. Nixon was reared in Macoupin county and in the district schools he secured his introduction to education, which he has greatly widened by reading and observation. He assisted his father in farm work until twenty-six years of age, and was then married and rented land, which he cultivated on his own account. He is now renting the Dr. Mathews farm of eighty-six and two-thirds acres in Carlinville township and meets with well merited success. He raises fifty head of hogs each year and also keeps thirty head of sheep, nine head of cattle and nine head of horses, his income each year showing a gratifying increase.

On the 4th of September, 1889, Mr. Nixon was married to Miss Emma J. Bown, a daughter of John and Charlotte (Sawtell) Bown, both of whom were born in England. The father came to Illinois many years ago and engaged in farming in Macoupin county but later removed to Kansas, and is now living retired having reached the age of seventy-four years. The mother died in June, 1899. Mrs. Emma J. Nixon was called away March 25, 1905, and on January 4, 1907, Mr. Nixon was again married, his second union being with Miss Bessie Thompson, a daughter of Richard and Clara (Bown) Thompson, both of whom were born in Illinois. The father is engaged in farming in Macoupin county and is now fifty-four years old. The mother died in July, 1906. Three chil-

dren have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nixon: Clara M., who is four years of age; Annetta May, aged two years; and Harold C., who is one year old.

Fraternally Mr. Nixon is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and politically he gives his adherence to the republican party. He has never aspired to public office but has served as school director, a position he filled to the general satisfaction of the people. In religious belief he is a Methodist and is an active church member, his wife also belonging to this denomination. He has taken advantage of modern ideas in the conduct of his business and the results have been uniformly satisfactory.

WILLIAM ANDERSON.

William Anderson, president of the Gillespie Mutual Insurance Company and for many years a leading agriculturist of Macoupin county, whose farm is located on section 5, Cahokia township, is a native of Putnam county, Indiana. He was born February 14, 1832, a son of Thomas and Mary (Scott) Anderson. The grandfather of our subject on the paternal side was James Anderson, a native of Virginia, who moved to Tennessee and later took up his abode in Indiana. He had good fighting blood in his veins and was one of the active participants in the Black Hawk war. He lived to the advanced age of eighty years.

Thomas Anderson, the father of our subject, was the eldest son of James Anderson. He was born in Tennessee and removed with his parents to Indiana early in life, continuing there until 1834. Believing that more favorable opportunities lay westward, he came to Macoupin county, Illinois, and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land in Honey Point township. He died just as he was entering upon the prime of a useful career, at the age of thirty-five years. The maiden name of his wife was Mary Scott, and she came to Macoupin county in 1834. There were four children in their family, namely: William, of this review; James M., who was a resident of Terre Haute, Indiana, and is now deceased; Jesse F., of Portland, Oregon; and Joseph M., who was a resident of Missouri and is also deceased.

William Anderson has been a resident of Macoupin county since 1834, a period of seventy-seven years, and there are few men within its borders who can claim a better acquaintance with its development during the period named. He possessed very limited advantages of school training, as he was left an orphan in his boyhood, but he has been an apt student in the great school of experience. He early became acquainted with farm work and found employment on farms and in sawmills, working for nine years in mills on Honey creek. In the years when it was necessary he carefully saved his money and he was thus enabled to purchase eighty acres of land, later becoming the owner of one hundred acres on section 35, Brushy Mound township. He was diligent and enterprising in his business, as is proven by the fact that he now owns two hundred and forty acres in Cahokia township and forty acres on section 20, Honey Point township, he and his wife being also the owners of valuable properties in Gillespie. His place, known as the Walnut Lawn Farm, is highly improved with



WILLIAM ANDERSON

modern buildings and fruit, shade and ornamental trees and is one of the most pleasing features of the landscape in that part of the county. He has given considerable attention to breeding and raising high grade stock and his income from this source has added largely to his fortune. Although not actively engaged in farming for several years past, he takes a great interest in everything pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising and enjoys thoroughly the fruits of his wisely directed labors. He is president of the Gillespie Mutual Insurance Company, which carries two million, five hundred thousand dollars worth of written insurance and is one of the most firmly established organizations of the kind in this part of the country. Its success has been largely due to the good judgment and unquestioned business ability of its president.

In 1856 Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Lydia J. Huddleston, a native of Brushy Mound township. The following children were born to this union: John T., the eldest, lives at Terre Haute, Indiana, and has one child, Edna. Samuel F., a farmer of Cahokia township, has six children, Hazel, Audrey, George, Owen, Chester and Clarence. Clara is the wife of J. M. McGovern, of Bates county, Missouri. William Luther, who lives in Montgomery county, Illinois, has ten children. Ida married J. D. McReynolds, of Honey Point township, and they have three living children, William H., John M. and May, and two deceased. Charles, who married Tena Walschleger and is now in charge of the home farm, lost two children in infancy. The mother of these children died April 9, 1881, and in 1891 Mr. Anderson was married to Mrs. Sarah J. Miller, formerly Sarah J. Sanders and the widow of George Miller. By her first marriage she had three children, one of whom, Dora, still survives. This daughter is the wife of Samuel F. Anderson, one of the sons of Mr. Anderson of this review.

Politically Mr. Anderson for a number of years gave his support to the principles and candidates of the populist party, but he is governed in voting largely by the nature of the questions at issue and the character of the candidates. He served for twenty-five years as school director and has most acceptably discharged the duties of various township offices. At the time of the Grange movement he was prominent as one of its earnest advocates and occupied the chair as master of the local Grange. Religiously he is affiliated with the United Baptist church. A liberal contributor to worthy objects, he has also devoted much time and energy to promoting the interests of the community and is one of its most honored residents. He is today one of the leading citizens of Macoupin county and enjoys the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

C. E. KESSINGER.

C. E. Kessinger, who has for many years been successfully identified with the agricultural and live-stock interests of Macoupin county, was born in Bird township, January 16, 1852. He is a son of John and Eliza (Adams) Kessinger, both of whom were born in Kentucky, the former in 1825, and the latter in 1827. Mrs. Kessinger was a daughter of Horatio and Cynthia (Mure) Adams

and came with her parents to Macoupin county when she was a child. John Kessinger grew to maturity in his native state and arrived in Morgan county, Illinois, in 1847. After working for a year at farm labor he came to Macoupin county and secured employment for three years with farmers of this county. He then purchased eighty acres of land on section 15, Bird township, but changed his place of residence several times until 1872, when he located permanently on section 13. He was very successful as a farmer and became a large land-owner, gaining recognition as one of the leaders of the community. Politically he was an earnest supporter of the democratic party and religiously he was actively identified with the Methodist church. He died in 1890 and his wife was called away in 1879.

The Kessinger family is of German descent. Ludwick Kessinger, the first of the family to arrive in America, was born on the River Rhine and his wife was Eve Greenwald. Solomon Kessinger, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Kentucky early in his life. His son, Lynn, was born in Kentucky and died there at the advanced age of ninety-three years. In the family of John and Eliza Kessinger were the following children: P. W., a resident of Carlinville; C. E., of this sketch; Harriet, the widow of Cicero Solomon; W. H., who lives in Bird township; Cynthia, who married James Sells, of Denver, Colorado; Lauretta B., the wife of Arthur Wells, of San Luis Valley, Colorado; J. P., who makes his home in Carlinville; and M. M., of Alton, Illinois. The mother of these children was twice married, her first husband being Bird Peebles. To this union one child, Horatio B., was born. He is now a resident of Bird township.

Mr. Kessinger, whose name introduces this sketch, attended the common schools and enjoyed advantages of early training, which have been of great assistance to him in meeting the responsibilities of life. He remained with his parents until twenty-two years of age and then engaged in farming in Western Mound township. After a few years he located on section 13, Bird township, and can claim one of the most attractive properties on this section, everything about the place indicating thrift and progress. He engages in general farming and is meeting with highly gratifying success.

On the 28th of December, 1873, Mr. Kessinger was married to Miss Mary Love, who was born in Bird township in 1854, a daughter of Samuel and Minerva Love. The father is said to have been the first white child born in Macoupin county. He spent his entire life as an agriculturist in this county and died September 29, 1891. There were nine children in his family, namely: John J., who is now engaged in farming in Bird township; James Madison, deceased; Mary, now Mrs. C. E. Kessinger; Newton, also deceased; Ada, who married Frank M. Washburn, of Bird township; Nettie, deceased; Adela and George, both of whom are at home; and Walter, who is deceased. The parents of these children were both members of the Baptist church. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kessinger: Eva May, Harriet and William P., all of whom are deceased; Gertrude, who is the wife of Walker Cundell, of Bird township; James N., of Carlinville; and Fred, at home.

Religiously Mr. Kessinger is a member of the Methodist church while his wife is an adherent of the Baptist denomination. They are both active workers

in advancing the welfare of the section with which they have been closely identified for many years. Politically he gives his support to the democratic party but not from any desire to hold office, as his time and attention are mainly devoted to his family and his farm. He represents a high type of American citizen and, being a man who has unfalteringly met the problems of life, he fully merits the respect in which he is held by his neighbors and friends.

ENGELBERT WEIS.

The soldiers of the Civil war, who valiantly upheld the cause of the Union, earned the undying gratitude of all friends of the republic, and are justly entitled to the credit of fighting for the liberties of man. Many of the brave men who wore the blue are still living and bear witness to their personal courage, the scars received in battle being indisputable evidence of their faithfulness in the hour of danger. Among this number should be named Engelbert Weis, of Staunton, who lost a leg in defence of the stars and stripes and has for many years been a respected citizen of Macoupin county. He is a native of Baden, Germany, born November 5, 1840, a son of Peter and Mary (Nitz) Weis. The father was a farmer and he and his wife spent their entire lives in the old country. They had five children, namely: Engelbert, of this review; Augustina, deceased; Mary and Carl, both of whom are now living in Germany; and Mrs. Theresa Arndt, of Staunton.

Engelbert Weis possessed advantages of attendance at the public schools of his native land. He came to America in his boyhood with an uncle, who entered the mercantile business at St. Louis, Missouri. In his uncle's store the growing youth secured his introduction to business methods, and while thus employed he became acquainted with Captain Ulysses S. Grant, later General Grant, who lived on a farm near St. Louis for several years in the '50s and hauled wood to the city. Mr. Weis has a distinct recollection of the man who was destined to become the most noted general of the Civil war, but who gave little evidence of his remarkable talents until after he had been tested in a post of large responsibility. Mr. Weis learned the upholsterer's trade, at which he worked until the outbreak of the great rebellion. On the 22d of April, 1861, he enlisted as a member of Company A, First Regiment, Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and at the expiration of three months' service reenlisted for a period of three years. Soon afterward he was wounded at the battle of Wilson's Creek and the loss of a leg incapacitated him from further military duty. After recuperating for a year at St. Louis he engaged in farming in Madison county, Illinois. In 1865 he purchased a general store at Staunton and was actively identified with the mercantile business in this city until 1899, since which time he has lived retired. His two sons are now conducting the business under the title of E. Weis & Sons and are carrying it forward with marked success. Mr. Weis is the owner of the store building and also of four acres of land in the city and other valuable interests. He and his family occupy one of the beautiful residences of Staunton and he is known as one of the substantial men of the community.

In 1866 Mr. Weis was married to Miss Anna Zimmerman, who was born in Hanover, Germany, a daughter of William and Dora (Meyers) Zimmerman. Mr. Zimmerman emigrated to America with his family in 1860 and took up his residence at Mount Olive, Macoupin county, Illinois, and later purchased a farm in Madison county, near the Macoupin county line. Here he and his wife spent the remainder of their days. They had four children: Dietrich and Albert, both of whom are deceased; Anna, now Mrs. Engelbert Weis; and Gretchen, who is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Weis have two sons, Carl and Engelbert, who are associated in business at Staunton.

In politics Mr. Weis has been a supporter of the republican party ever since he cast his first ballot and for twenty years he has served as justice of the peace at Staunton, discharging the duties of the office in such a way as to meet the hearty indorsement of the people. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church, in the faith of which they were both reared. He formerly held membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grand Army of the Republic, but during recent years has taken no part in lodge affairs. He is now enjoying in comfort the results of earlier labors and is fully entitled to the esteem in which he is held by the people of Staunton and vicinity.

LAWRENCE C. KETCHUM.

The Ketchum family has been well known in Macoupin and adjacent counties for many years, and Lawrence C. Ketchum, a representative of the fourth generation of the family in Illinois, can claim a line of ancestry of which any true American might well be proud. He was born in Chesterfield township February 11, 1869, a son of Leonard and Jane (Hayward) Ketchum. On the paternal side the ancestry has been traced to Ira and Rebecca (Palmer) Ketchum, of Vermont, whose son, Ira Ketchum, was born about 1816. The son Ira came to Jersey county, Illinois, about 1832 with his mother and her brother William. He lived with his uncle, William Palmer, until 1837, when he settled on eighty acres of land preempted by the latter in Macoupin county. Later he purchased land and became the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which is still in possession of the family. He married Phoebe Fitzgerald, who was born in New Jersey about 1816 and came with her parents to Illinois. He died on the old homestead May 5, 1853. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ketchum were eleven children, nine of whom grew to maturity, namely: Alfred, who is now living near Pasadena, California; Daniel, who served in Company F, Thirty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and now makes his home near Pattonsburg, Daviess county, Missouri; Leonard, the father of our subject; David, who was a member of Company F, Thirty-second Illinois Volunteers, and died from the effects of wounds received at the battle of Shiloh; Edmund H., who participated in the Civil war as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry and is also deceased; Franklin, who lives near Jerseyville, Illinois; Rebecca, the wife of James Chase, of Medora; Charles, a resident of Alton; and Ira, of Macoupin county. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Ketchum was married

to Henry Cooper, and they have one son, Eli, who is now living at Pasadena, California.

Leonard Ketchum stayed at home with his parents until seventeen years of age and then began working for neighboring farmers by the month. In response to President Lincoln's second call for soldiers to put down the Rebellion, he enlisted in October, 1861, in Company F, Twelfth Illinois Cavalry, and was sent with his regiment to the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. He was present at the battle of Sharpsburg and was captured at the surrender of Harper's Ferry, being held under parole for about six months. After being exchanged he rejoined his regiment and participated in a number of battles, including that of Gettysburg. The period of his enlistment expired in October, 1863, and he reenlisted in the same company and regiment, being retained in service in the southwest until 1866. He received his honorable discharge at Springfield, Illinois, and returned to Macoupin county, where he has ever since engaged in agriculture and stock-raising. He owns the old family homestead upon which he has made many improvements and has given it the name of the Corn Land Farm. He devotes special attention to raising Poland China hogs and fine horses.

On the 14th of December, 1863, Mr. Ketchum was married to Miss Jane Hayward, a daughter of Cyrus Tolman and Elizabeth Maria (Olmstead) Hayward. The first members of this family to arrive in America were Thomas and Susanna Hayward, who came from Kent county, England, in the ship Hercules, in 1635, and landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts. Cyrus Tolman Hayward, father of Mrs. Ketchum, was born in Massachusetts June 4, 1819. In 1838 he came with his parents to Macoupin county, Illinois, and was for many years identified with agricultural interests. On the 25th of December, 1840, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Maria Olmstead and they had eight children: Cyrus W., of Parsons, Kansas; Caroline Matilda, who married Frank Silsby; Jane, who became the wife of Leonard Ketchum; William Oscar, of Parsons, Kansas; Lucinda Cornelia, who married Melvin Loper, of Chesterfield township, and is now deceased; Eva Josephine, who married Emmons Loper, of Chesterfield township, and is also deceased; Eldon O., who died at the age of three years; and Eldon Augustus, who died in infancy. The mother of these children passed away July 8, 1856, and on the 21st of September, 1859, Mr. Hayward was married to Mrs. Mary Ann Johnson. To this union five children were born: Lillian O., of Medora; Herbert M., of Chesterfield township; Mary E., the wife of William Simpson, of Marion, Indiana; Horace L., of Chicago, Illinois; and Ida R., who died in infancy. Mrs. Hayward died on the 22d of August, 1898, and Mr. Hayward followed her on the 11th of June, 1904. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ketchum were: Louis E., who is engaged in the real-estate business at Stuttgart, Arkansas, and has three children; Lawrence C., of this review; Eveline, the wife of A. L. Carter, of Medora, and the mother of one son; Nellie May, who married Edward Barnes, of Jersey county; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Cary Haynes, of Chesterfield township, and has two daughters; James Wastler, who lives upon the home place and is the father of one son; and Jane S., the wife of John Shields, of Jerseyville.

Lawrence C. Ketchum possessed good advantages of education in the public schools, and under his father became thoroughly acquainted with the details of

agriculture and stock-raising. At the age of twenty-six he rented one hundred acres of land on his own account and later cultivated two hundred and twenty acres in Shipman township. In 1902 he purchased one hundred and twenty acres on section 4 of Shipman township, where he established his homestead. He has greatly improved the place by remodeling the family residence and erecting other buildings, and has brought the land to a high state of cultivation. He has also set out an orchard and provided his farm with up-to-date appliances to facilitate work at all seasons of the year. He is a stock-raiser and feeder, and makes a specialty of breeding coach horses, thoroughbred Cotswold sheep and Poland China hogs.

On March 6, 1895, Mr. Ketchum was married to Miss Adelaide A. Duckels, a daughter of John H. Duckels, of Chesterfield township, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. To this union four children have been born, Edna, Ruby, Hazel and Lucile, all of whom are at home. Politically, Mr. Ketchum is in thorough sympathy with the republican party. He has all his life been closely identified with agricultural interests and possessed advantages of training which assisted him very materially in the attainment of the position he now occupies. He has made use of modern methods and is a type of the intelligent and progressive men who become the leaders in any community where they are to be found. The prosperity he enjoys is the direct result of his wisely applied energy. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and also holds membership in the Baptist church.

JAMES E. McCLURE.

James E. McClure, editor and publisher of the Carlinville Democrat and president of the board of commissioners of the Southern Illinois Penitentiary, is a native of Carlinville township and has been a lifelong resident of Macoupin county. He was born on a farm three and one-half miles southeast of Carlinville, August 11, 1867, and is a son of James A. and Ellen (Collins) McClure. The father was a native of Bedford county, Tennessee, and the mother of Ohio, the former having been born April 12, 1820, and the latter November 28, 1833. They were the parents of five children: Charles, colonel of the Thirtieth United States Infantry of San Francisco, California; Frank, a twin brother of Charles, who is now living at Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Milton, of Beardstown, Illinois; James E., of this review; and Edmonia, who is the wife of Jesse Peebles, ex-mayor of Carlinville.

The father of our subject came to Illinois with his parents at the age of fourteen years. After living for one year at Carrollton, Greene county, the family arrived in Carlinville township, Macoupin county, where the son grew to maturity on his father's farm. He engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1883 and then retired at Carlinville, living in this place until his death, which occurred in March, 1901, he being then eighty-one years of age. His wife died in March, 1903, in her seventieth year. They were both active members of the Presbyterian church. The father recognized the value of education and willingly made sacrifices in

order that his children might possess the best advantages available for mental training. He was a substantial, representative citizen, who set an example of industry and perseverance well worthy of imitation.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was James A. McClure. He was born in Virginia and was educated for the ministry, but did not pursue that calling, preferring the mercantile business, which he followed at Shelbyville, Tennessee. In 1834 he and his wife and their twelve children started for Illinois by boat down the Kentucky river to Louisville and thence by steamer to Columbiana, Greene county, and in 1835 he entered one hundred and twenty acres of government land in Macoupin county. He continued on his farm until 1844, when his wife died. He then took up his residence at Washington, D. C., having been appointed clerk in the federal land office, which position he held until his death, in 1849. He was prominent in early affairs of Macoupin county and served as assessor of the county one term and as census taker in 1840. The maiden name of his wife was Frances Dickerson.

Mr. McClure of this sketch was reared upon his father's farm until he arrived at the age of sixteen. He attended the district schools and upon the removal of his parents to Carlinville in 1883 entered Blackburn University, from which he was graduated in 1887. He taught school for three years at Shipman and then began reading law in the office of his brother Milton at Beardstown, continuing assiduously at the study for two years. In 1893 he was admitted to the Illinois bar upon examination, but soon thereafter accepted the principalship of the schools at Brighton. In 1894 he was nominated on the republican ticket for county superintendent of schools and was elected the following November. He filled the office for four years with general acceptance to teachers and patrons of the schools and on the last day of his service became deputy collector of internal revenue in the eighth Illinois district. He continued in that capacity until July 1, 1899, when he resigned to become a member of the law firm of Peebles, McClure & Peebles. In September, 1901, he retired from the firm to take charge of the Carlinville Democrat, a position which he has ever since held. This paper was established in 1856 and is one of the leading republican organs of this section, its influence having been largely increased under the able management of Mr. McClure. In April, 1901, Mr. McClure was appointed by Governor Richard Yates as commissioner of the Southern Illinois Penitentiary. This position he filled until July 1, 1903, when he resigned to accept appointment as a judge of the Illinois state court of claims. On July 1, 1904, he was again appointed a commissioner of the Southern Illinois Penitentiary and he now occupies that office. For five years past he has been president of the board and in all his acts he has shown a discrimination and a judgment that reflect upon him and his associates the highest credit.

On the 30th of September, 1897, Mr. McClure was married to Miss E. Florence Parker, a native of Kane, Greene county, Illinois, and a daughter of Henry L. and Hattie E. (King) Parker. To this union two children have been born: Harriet, aged eleven years; and Dorothy, who is one year old. Mr. McClure is not identified with any religious denomination, but his wife is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He belongs to Mount Nebo Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Orient Lodge, No. 95, K. P.; the Court of Honor, and Carlinville Lodge.

No. 125, M. W. A. He has through life taken an active interest in the promotion of education and as a wide-awake and progressive citizen has contributed his share toward the development of the county and state. He is in hearty sympathy with all movements that aim to improve the character of the individual or to elevate the standard of society. An acknowledged leader in the community, his record has measured up to the highest standard of manhood and no man is more deeply respected by thinking people of Macoupin county than the gentleman whose record is here briefly presented.

JAMES W. HALL.

James W. Hall is now living retired in Chesterfield, Illinois, after many years of close application to farming and stock-raising in Macoupin county, his industry and enterprise having secured him such a competence as now enables him, in the very prime of his life, to put aside the active duties of business and enjoy all of the comforts and pleasures afforded by a successful career. A native of this county, he was born on his father's farm near Chesterfield, on the 16th of November, 1856, a son of David T. and Elizabeth (Payne) Hall. The grandfather of our subject, Jacob Hall, who was born in Kentucky, brought his family to Macoupin county, Illinois, at an early date, locating near Chesterfield upon a farm which he continued to operate until his death. His son, David T. Hall, was also a native of the Blue Grass state and in early life learned the mason's trade. He followed that occupation for a time in Macoupin county, engaging in contracting and building but later directed his attention to agricultural pursuits, purchasing a farm near Chesterfield, which was his home throughout his remaining days. He married Elizabeth Payne, a native of New Jersey, and unto them were born ten children, of whom two passed away in infancy, the others being: James W., of this review; Sarah, the wife of William Cundall, of Macoupin county; Thomas H., a physician of Gillespie, Illinois; Mary, the deceased wife of Newton Kennedy, who is also deceased; Lucy, who married Frank Christopher, of Waverly, Sangamon county, and who has also passed away; Emma, who wedded H. M. Hayward, of this county; Augusta, the deceased wife of French Chism, of Macoupin county; and David E., of East St. Louis, Illinois.

At the usual age James W. Hall was sent as a pupil to the public schools, wherein he acquired a good education, and on the home farm he also received thorough practical training. He remained with his parents until his marriage, when he began farming independently, renting a tract for some time. Later he purchased one hundred and twenty acres and a subsequent addition of forty acres adjoining made him the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres which is still in his possession. Upon this place he erected fine buildings, introduced the latest inventions in farm machinery and all of the accessories and conveniences of a model farm, and today this is one of the best improved properties in the county, giving evidence in its well ordered appearance, of the spirit of progress which ever actuated his efforts. Close study also gave him accurate knowledge of the best methods of raising stock, and he ever made it a practice to



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handle only thoroughbreds, permitting himself at no time to be content with second best. It was but a natural sequence that his well directed efforts should be rewarded by success, and as the years passed prosperity in large measure came to him, permitting him in recent years to withdraw from business affairs, and he is now living retired in Chesterfield, enjoying, in the prime of life, well earned ease and comfort.

Mr. Hall was married, on the 21st of November, 1877, to Miss Abiah S. Dews, a daughter of John and Sylvia (Morris) Dews, both natives of England. Her father came to America at a very early day and for about three years resided in Cincinnati, Ohio. He arrived in Macoupin county in 1834, locating on government land in Western Mound township, and throughout his lifetime engaged in agricultural pursuits. Something of the success which came to him is indicated by the fact that at the time of his death he was the owner of fifteen hundred acres of land which stood as the visible evidence of his excellent business ability and industrious habits. In his family were nine children, which number included William Henry Dews, a brother of Mrs. Hall, who is mentioned at length on another page of this volume. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hall has been born one son, Clarence R., who resides in Chesterfield. He married Miss Grace Childs, and they have one son, Daniel Mortimer.

The religious faith of Mr. Hall is that of the Methodist church. He gives his support to the republican party, and although he is without political aspirations, he has been called upon to serve on the school board of Chesterfield township and was also elected township supervisor, which office he held for two years. Quiet and unassuming in manner, he is earnest and sincere in his motives and possesses those qualities of character which make for honorable manhood and desirable citizenship, and in the community in which his entire life has been spent he has a large circle of friends who entertain for him unqualified respect and esteem.

CLEMENT J. LUMPKIN.

For twenty-five years Clement J. Lumpkin has been identified with the Macoupin County Enquirer and has strived to make the paper a leading democratic organ in this part of the state. He was born in Bird township, August 24, 1864, a son of James W. and Elzina (Bates) Lumpkin, both of whom were natives of this county. The father was reared in Bird township and followed farming until 1880, when he moved to Carlinville and engaged in the agricultural implement business, also serving as deputy sheriff. In 1886 he and his son, Clement J., assumed control of the Macoupin County Enquirer and associated as editors and publishers of the paper. Mr. Lumpkin, Sr., died in July, 1903, at the age of sixty-seven years, his wife passing away one year later at the age of sixty-five. Both held membership in the Baptist church. Mr. Lumpkin was well known in political circles and was active in the councils of the democratic party, being a staunch upholder of its principles. He was energetic and capable in business,

thoroughly honorable in his dealings, and left a record of which his friends may always be proud.

The grandfather of our subject on the paternal side was John Lumpkin, who was born on a farm near Owensboro, Kentucky. He came to Macoupin county, Illinois, in 1835, and took up government land in Bird township, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died at the age of seventy-two years. The maiden name of his wife was Emily Ann Rafferty. She was the mother of one son who grew to maturity. The grandfather on the maternal side was James Bates, a native of Tennessee and also a pioneer of Macoupin county. He married Martha Witt and they had two children, Elzina and John.

Clement J. Lumpkin was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools. Later he matriculated at Blackburn University, from which he was graduated in 1885. After leaving the university he taught school for one year, at the end of which time he and his father purchased the Macoupin County Enquirer. He succeeded his father in carrying forward the publication of the paper and its success speaks for itself. He still owns his share of the old home farm of four hundred and thirty acres, and has other landed interests.

On the 27th of June, 1899, Mr. Lumpkin was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Pegram, a daughter of Alvin and Almeda (De Kalb) Pegram. She was born in Carrollton, Greene county, Illinois, her father being a native of the same county and her mother of the state of Alabama. The father died at the age of sixty-two years, but the mother is still living and is now sixty-four years old. They had four children: Mary Elizabeth, now Mrs. Clement J. Lumpkin; Nathaniel J., a resident of White Hall, Illinois; Almeda, who is the wife of Normal L. Jones, of Carrollton; and Abbie, who married L. J. Titus, of Springfield.

A lifelong democrat, Mr. Lumpkin is well informed concerning the history and principles of the party and is one of its most earnest and uncompromising supporters. He tries to make his paper a potent influence in promulgating the advantages of Macoupin county and upholding the interests of this section. He is not connected with any religious denomination, but his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order. He is a member of Mount Nebo Lodge No. 76, A. F. & A. M.; Macoupin Chapter, No. 187, R. A. M.; Elwood Commandery, No. 6, K. T.; and Moolah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of St. Louis.

FRANCIS M. ADAMS.

Francis M. Adams, who has borne the title of general ever since his boyhood, is an honored citizen of Macoupin county and can claim descent from worthy pioneer stock. He was born on section 20, Gillespie township, July 1, 1833, and is a son of Giles M. and Elizabeth (Taylor) Adams; the former was born in Virginia and the latter in South Carolina. On the paternal side the family is of Welsh, Irish and French origin. Daniel Adams, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Virginia and was one of the early settlers of Illinois, dying in this state at the age of seventy-four years. There were eight children in his family.

Giles M. Adams migrated with his parents to Kentucky and later to Tennessee. He married Elizabeth Taylor, who was born April 19, 1809, and with his wife and two children came to Illinois, arriving at Edwardsville, Madison county, in 1829. Like a majority of the pioneer settlers of this state he was not heavily supplied with this world's goods and his total cash resources when taking up his residence in Macoupin county were seventy-five cents. Beginning at the bottom of the financial ladder he bravely met every obstacle and through undaunted energy and perseverance acquired three hundred acres of good land and also gained a reputation as one of the reliable and substantial men of the county. He died at the age of sixty-eight years; his wife passed away eight or nine years later. Politically he was in sympathy with the democratic party and he served for a number of years as justice of the peace, being at all times a stanch friend of stable government and an advocate of recognized principles of law and order. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Adams were five children: Daniel, who was born July 27, 1827, and is now deceased; Mrs. Nancy Ann Dillard, who was born April 14, 1829, and lives in Gillespie township; Francis M., of this review; William W., who was born September 28, 1836, and took up his residence in Montgomery county; and James, born November 10, 1841, deceased.

In the early district schools of Gillespie township Francis M. Adams gained his preliminary education. He received a thorough knowledge of agriculture and stock-raising under his father and at the age of thirty-one was married, later becoming the owner of the old homestead as his share of the family estate. He has engaged in farming since boyhood and for twenty-six years ran a threshing machine. He was also for sixteen years interested in a sawmill. A man of unusual enterprise and business ability, he has made excellent use of the opportunities in a growing country and has been remarkably successful in his work. His principal attention has been concentrated upon farming and stock-raising, and it is acknowledged that he has few superiors in those lines in this section of the state. He and his wife own two thousand six hundred and sixty acres of farm land in Macoupin and Christian counties, one thousand acres of which represents her share in her father's estate. Notwithstanding his advanced age, Mr. Adams recently purchased an automobile and one of his favorite recreations is riding through beautiful scenes which have been familiar to him since his earliest recollection.

On February 16, 1864, Mr. Adams was married to Miss Elizabeth K. Grimes, who was born at Carlinville, February 27, 1841, a daughter of William and Nancy (Wagner) Grimes. The grandfather, Peter Wagner, came to Illinois from Tennessee about 1820. William Grimes, the father, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, January 13, 1811. He was married to Nancy Wagner, July 20, 1837, and died in Christian county, Illinois, February 24, 1897. He followed the blacksmith's trade for a number of years and then turned his attention to farming, in which he attained a large measure of success. His father was Nicholas Grimes, who was born March 7, 1783, and died April 1, 1848. The mother of Mrs. Adams was born April 22, 1820, in Madison county, Illinois, and died May 28, 1856. Mr. and Mrs. Grimes were the parents of three children: Elizabeth K., now Mrs. Francis M. Adams; Mrs. Mary A. Beggan, who was born February 22, 1844, and died September 1, 1899; and Stephen N., who was born September 2, 1848,

and died February 24, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are the parents of six children. William M., the eldest, was born November 24, 1866, and died February 1, 1870. Mary was born June 25, 1868, and is the wife of Philip S. Teter, of Macoupin county. They have three children: Clarence L., William E. and Kenneth L. James L. was born December 14, 1872, and died December 27, 1874. Stephen N. was born October 26, 1875; and died September 18, 1878. Oscar N. was born November 15, 1877, and died March 18, 1878. Nancy Virginia was born January 10, 1884, and is the wife of Samuel Spencer, of Gillespie.

Politically Mr. Adams is an earnest supporter of the democratic party and as a patriotic citizen has accepted the responsibilities of public office. He has served with great acceptance to the people as supervisor, justice of the peace and road commissioner, and for twenty-three years past has filled the office of chairman of the board of school directors. The local schoolhouse is situated on his farm. He possesses unusual public spirit and is foremost in all movements which seek to promote the material or moral welfare of the community. He has shown his friendly interest in others in many ways. In his business dealings he has always been prompt, reliable and trustworthy, and he is regarded with the highest respect and esteem by old and young throughout the wide region where his name is known.

BALTISAR REGLI.

The little republic of Switzerland has contributed many of its sons to America, who have carved out fortunes for themselves under the favoring conditions of the United States and are now living at ease in homes which they provided through their thrift and perseverance. Baltisar Regli belongs to this class. He was born June 3, 1834, a son of Michael and Lena Regli. The parents were both natives of Switzerland and spent their entire lives in that country, the father being a farmer. In their family were three sons and two daughters. Two of the sons are now living in California and the daughter still makes her home in the old country.

Mr. Regli of this sketch was educated in the schools of his native land and under his father was made acquainted with the duties pertaining to farming. He remained at home until twenty-three years of age and then, in 1857, went aboard a ship at Havre and crossed the ocean to New Orleans, the voyage requiring many weeks. He came up the Mississippi river to St. Louis in a steamboat and for about four years was employed on a large dairy farm near that city. At the beginning of the Civil war he enlisted in the Union army at Jefferson Barracks in Company D, First Missouri Cavalry, and served faithfully for over three years. He participated in many battles and skirmishes and passed through the war without serious personal injury. He continued in St. Louis for one year after leaving the army and then came to Macoupin county, Illinois, and purchased land upon which he has since made his home. As opportunity offered he acquired additional property and became the owner of one of the valuable places in Polk township, where he owns one hundred acres. He occupies a comfortable and

well furnished residence and has made many improvements on his place, everything about the farm indicating the application of energy and good management. He is now seventy-seven years of age, but retains in a large measure his physical and mental strength and superintends the operation of the farm.

On the 18th of August, 1867, Mr. Regli was married, at St. Louis, to Miss Magdalene Shaffer, who was born at St. Louis. Her parents were both born in Germany and came to this country, settling at St. Louis, where the mother died from cholera. Mr. and Mrs. Regli became the parents of four children, all of whom are now living. Dena, the eldest, is the wife of Joseph Rhodes, of North Dakota, and they have six children, Charles, Clara, Theresa, Marie, Julia, and William. Mary married Charles Kaup, of Jerseyville, Illinois. They have two children, Anna and Lena. Francisco is the wife of William Edwards, of Polk township, and they have one child, Lena M. Philip was married to Miss Anna Ebel, of Macoupin county, and they have one child, Alberta Marie. Mr. Regli was deprived by death of his wife October 31, 1910, after they had traveled life's journey for more than forty years.

He proved his allegiance to his adopted country by offering his life for the Union at the time of the great Rebellion. It is men of this character who uphold free institutions and reflect credit upon the race. His record is one to which descendants may always point with pride. He was reared in the Catholic faith and is a valued member of St. Joseph's church of Carlinville. In politics he is an earnest adherent of the republican party.

WILLIAM THEODORE EDDY.

William Theodore Eddy, city editor and superintendent of the Carlinville Enquirer, is a native of Quincy, Illinois, and is essentially a western man, having spent his entire life in the Mississippi valley. He was born January 19, 1874, a son of Edward D. and Nora (Le Fevre) Eddy, the former of whom was born in Kentucky and the latter in Virginia. They were the parents of four children: William Theodore, of this review; Edna I., who is the wife of Charles Hooper, of Omaha, Nebraska; Louis T., of St. Louis, Missouri; and Martha J., who married Bernice D. Moss, of St. Louis.

The father of our subject was reared at Hannibal, Missouri, and for a number of years served as foreman in plug tobacco factories of that city. He died in 1899, at the age of fifty-five years, but Mrs. Eddy still survives and makes her home with her son in this city. She is a consistent member of the Baptist church, her husband having been connected with the Southern Methodist church. The paternal grandfather was William Eddy. He was a native of Kentucky and was of Scotch-Irish descent. He was a carpenter by trade and settled at Hannibal, Missouri, where he spent the remainder of his life. The maiden name of his wife was Martha J. Tanner. She lived to be about sixty-five years old and was the mother of five children, George, Marvin, Theodore, Edward and Eunice. The grandfather on the maternal side was Jacob Le Fevre, who was a native of Virginia and was descended from French ancestry. He came west and estab-

lished a home in Audrain county, near Elklick Springs, Missouri, where he continued until his death, which occurred when he was over seventy years of age. His wife, whose maiden name was Lucy Krenshaw Davis, lived to the advanced age of ninety-eight years. They had three children, Richard, Charles and Nora. Jacob Le Fevre was twice married and was the father of one son by his first marriage. His second wife outlived him and was again married.

Mr. Eddy, whose name introduces this sketch, passed the first eight years of his life at Quincy, Illinois, and then was taken by his parents to Hannibal, Missouri, where he grew to manhood. He received his preliminary education in the public schools and at the age of twelve years began learning the printer's trade. He has ever since that time been connected with the printing or newspaper business. In September, 1908, he came to Carlinville as linotype operator on the Carlinville Enquirer and a year later he was made city editor of the paper, a position which he has since filled.

On the 4th of September, 1896, Mr. Eddy was married to Miss Jessie L. Hynes, a daughter of James and Belle Hynes. Five children have been born to this union, Donald, Malcolm, Mildred, Frances and James. Mrs. Eddy was born at Kenton, Ohio, her father being a native of Canada and her mother of the Buckeye state. The parents are both now living at Hannibal, Missouri. In their family were two children, Jessie L. and Ethel. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Eddy was Michael Hynes, a native of Michigan and a farmer by occupation, while the grandfather on the maternal side was a Presbyterian minister. Mrs. Eddy is a member of the Christian church, but her husband adheres to the Methodist church. He belongs to Ingleside Lodge, No. 195, I. O. O. F., of Paducah, Kentucky, and also to Jersey Camp, No. 10, W. O. W., of Paducah. Politically he gives his support to the democratic party. He is possessed of musical talent and is a competent orchestra leader, being also an instructor. He is the owner of the comfortable home in which he and his family reside at 504 Johnson street.

GEORGE H. LUKER.

George H. Luker, who is now serving his fourth term as mayor of Staunton, may truly be designated as one of the leading men of the city. He is prominent in business circles and has shown a capacity in the management of public and private affairs which has produced highly gratifying results. A native of Alhambra, Madison county, Illinois, he was born September 3, 1876, a son of Henry W. and Emma (Miller) Luker, both of whom were born in Westphalia, Germany. The father emigrated to the United States in his boyhood and first located in St. Louis, Missouri. Later he removed to Madison county, Illinois, and in 1876 took up his residence in Macoupin county, where he continued until his death, in 1893. He was a painter by trade and was a man of industrious habits who ever attempted to perform his duty to his family and his adopted country. The mother is still living and makes her home in Staunton. There were the following children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Luker, namely: Emma,

who is the wife of T. E. Shumacher, of Staunton; George H., of this review; Edward C., who is associated in business with his brother, George H.; Anna, deceased; Dora, at home; Paul and Charley, both of whom are deceased; and Robert, who is a cadet in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

Mr. Luker whose name introduces this sketch has been a resident of Macoupin county since his infancy and in the public schools he acquired his preliminary education. He was identified with the wholesale beer business for a number of years in Staunton, and later associated with his brother Edward in the bottling business which, under their systematic management, has become highly successful. The works have a capacity of two hundred and fifty cases a day and by promptness in delivery and fair dealing with patrons the firm has acquired a position as one of the leading concerns of the kind in Macoupin county. Mr. Luker is also a stockholder in the ice plant of Staunton, owns a half interest in a new brick building on Main street, and has made other lucrative investments.

In 1900 he was married to Miss Laura Dammann, of New York city. They occupy a beautiful residence and their home is a center, where friends are always assured of a cordial greeting. Mr. Luker is preeminently a man of affairs and exerts a wide influence in a community with which he has been identified from his boyhood. He has taken a lively interest in politics and ever since he reached maturity has supported the democratic party. He has served one term as tax collector, one term as county supervisor, and as mayor has administered that responsible office to the general satisfaction of the taxpayers and to the best interests of the city. He is prominent in fraternal orders, being a member of the lodges of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Red Men, of Staunton; the Elks, of Litchfield; and the Eagles, of St. Louis. He can claim a host of friends in those orders and also in other walks of life, and is recognized as one of the most popular men in Staunton.

EDWARD J. FISHER.

For forty years Edward J. Fisher was a resident of Hilyard township. He was a successful farmer, an energetic and capable man of business, and a citizen who never hesitated in the discharge of any responsibility that gave evidence of assisting in the promotion of the general good. An advocate of progress, he illustrated in his daily life the stimulating effect of a worthy ambition and an untiring perseverance which encouraged others to renewed effort even in the face of grave obstacles.

A native of England, Mr. Fisher inherited some of the most worthy characteristics of the Anglo-Saxon race. He was born in May, 1822, a son of Edward Fisher, Jr., who was also born in England. The father was married in the old country and a number of years later came to America with his family, first settling in Jersey county, Illinois, near Delhi. Here he entered government land which he cultivated successfully. After a few years he moved to Madison county and finally located in Macoupin county. He died in Madison county, Illinois. In

his family were five children, two sons and three daughters. One of the sons, William H., was killed in the Mexican war.

Edward J. Fisher whose name introduces this sketch received his early education in England and emigrated with his parents to Illinois, which became his adopted state. He early showed a special aptitude for farming, a pursuit to which he devoted the principal years of his life, and after settling in Hilyard township, Macoupin county, he steadily advanced to a position as one of its most substantial citizens. His farm presented a neat and thrifty appearance and each year added to his prosperity. He made many improvements on his place and did not hesitate to avail himself of modern appliances, thus securing the best results with the least expenditure of time and labor.

In 1848 Mr. Fisher was married in Jersey county by Squire Fuller to Adaline Beebe, who was born in New York state October 12, 1830, a daughter of David and Catherine (Power) Beebe. The family on the paternal side is of Irish descent. The first progenitor in America came from Waterford, Ireland, and established his home in Pennsylvania. The father of Mrs. Fisher was born in New York state and the mother in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He participated in the war of 1812 and was for many years a seafaring man, advancing to the position of captain. He also engaged in the tea business, but in 1837, having decided to take advantage of the opportunities offered in the west, he came to Jersey county, Illinois, and engaged in farming near Delhi. After a few years he returned to Philadelphia and died in that city in 1847. In his family were ten children, six sons and four daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are the parents of five children, three of whom are now living, namely: Edward J.; Mrs. Delia Bogard, of St. Louis, Missouri, who was born at Woodburn, Macoupin county; and Catherine, who is the wife of Russell Hill, of South Dakota. Edward J. was born in Alton, Illinois, September 11, 1856, and in 1881 was married to Miss Julia M. Clarkson, a native of Manchester, Illinois. Mr. Fisher is successfully engaged in farming on section 27 of Hilyard township.

Edward J. Fisher, whose name introduces this sketch, died in 1858, and the general expression of regret at his demise gave evidence of the deep respect in which he was held by the community. He was a sincere believer in the Bible and was for many years a consistent member of the Methodist church. In politics he was in full sympathy with the republican party, but was never an office-seeker. He gave close attention to his business and his life record is an illustration of the possibilities in America for men actuated by worthy aims, who make practical use of their energies.

TILDEN ROBERTSON.

Tilden Robertson, who is a valued factor in agricultural circles of Shaws Point township, was born at Moorhead, Minnesota, August 12, 1885, and is a son of William R. and Margaret (Guilder) Robertson. The father was born at Carlinville, Illinois, and the mother in Michigan. Dr. William A. Robertson, the grandfather of our subject, was a prominent resident of Carlinville in early



WILLIAM R. ROBERTSON

days and became one of the landowners of Macoupin county. William R. Robertson was a lawyer, editor, business man and farmer, pursuing these vocations at various times in his life. He studied law in the Harvard Law School and practiced at Carlinville, gaining an enviable reputation as a competent and successful attorney. In young manhood he traveled across the country to Wichita, Kansas, and in partnership with another person acquired land where the city of Wichita now stands. He was not enthusiastic, however, over the development of a town which was then a gathering place for cattle men and disposed of his interest at a very moderate figure. He spent five years at Fargo, North Dakota, where he was connected with Major Edwards, formerly editor of a Carlinville paper, in the publication of the Fargo Daily Argus. Later he went to Clintwood, Virginia, and engaged in the sale of coal land. About the middle of the '90s he took up his residence in Florida and for several years was identified with the fruit business. In 1898 he returned to Macoupin county and settled on a farm in Shaws Point township, which he had inherited. Here he continued until his death, May 22, 1903. Mrs. Robertson is still living and is now fifty-eight years of age.

In the public schools of Florida and Macoupin county Tilden Robertson acquired his preliminary education, later becoming a student at Blackburn College, Carlinville. He has been in charge of the home farm ever since he was eighteen years of age. This place comprises one hundred and twenty-seven acres and is one of the highly improved properties of the county, being provided with all the accessories necessary in an up-to-date farming establishment. Mr. Robertson is a thorough agriculturist and is also well acquainted with stock-raising. He is an admirer of fine stock and keeps a herd of fifty head of fine sheep, several registered Jersey cows and six head of horses. He is also the owner of several residence lots in Carlinville. He is unmarried and his mother presides over the household.

Politically Mr. Robertson gives his support to the republican party, the principles of which he heartily espouses, and is now serving as clerk of Shaws Point township. He and his mother attend the Methodist church, to which they are liberal contributors. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Court of Honor, whose principles of brotherhood and helpfulness find in his heart a cordial response. An honorable representative of the type of energetic and progressive young men of America, he is rightly numbered among the promising citizens of Macoupin county.

AUGUST PETERS.

By the application of energy and sound business judgment August Peters has gained recognition as one of the substantial farmers of Honey Point township and is now the owner of a farm of two hundred and fifteen acres which yields a liberal annual revenue. He is a native of Franklin county, Missouri, born May 26, 1864, a son of Henry and Catharine (Rammart) Peters, both of

whom were born in Germany. The father was reared as a farmer and came to America, taking up his residence on a farm in Missouri. Later he came to Mount Olive, Macoupin county, but moved back to Missouri, finally returning to Macoupin county and establishing his home upon eighty acres north of Mount Olive. Here he continued until his death, which occurred in 1880, his wife having passed away two years previous. In their family were the following children: Henry, who is now engaged as a coal miner at Mount Olive; Minnie, who married Fred Courting, a millwright and laborer of Mount Olive, and died twenty-five years ago; August, of this review; Fred, who died on a farm in Iowa ten years ago; Amelia, who died in infancy; John, who is engaged in farming in Iowa; Louis, who is working on a farm in Iowa; and William, who died at the age of three months.

August Peters lost his mother when he was fourteen years of age and his father two years later, thus being thrown upon his own resources at the age of sixteen. He began working as a farm laborer after the death of his father and so continued for nine years, at the end of which time he was married. He then started to farm on his own account, renting eighty acres three and one-half miles north of Mount Olive, this property belonging to Louis Eichmaier. After five years' experience as a renter he had acquired the necessary capital and purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 13, Honey Point township, upon which he established his permanent home. This was in 1895. In May, 1909, he purchased fifty-five acres in Montgomery county and has since cultivated both places to good advantage. His farm is highly improved and he secures an ample revenue by raising and feeding a good grade of cattle and hogs for which he is usually able to receive the best quotations in the market.

On the 19th of February, 1890, Mr. Peters was married to Miss Amelia Grossenheider, a daughter of William and Minnie (Pullman) Grossenheider, both of whom were born in Germany. The parents came to America fifty years ago and located on a farm two and one-half miles north of Mount Olive, Illinois, where the daughter Amelia was born. The father died at his home in March, 1881, and the mother on Easter morning, 1901. They were the parents of five children, namely: Annie, who married Henry Nehouse, a farmer of Gillespie township; Minnie, who became the wife of Henry Nehouse, a cousin of her sister Annie's husband, and died April 16, 1891, in Gillespie township; Henry, who died on the old homestead in 1905; Ida, of Mount Olive, who is the widow of Frank Weers; and Amelia. To Mr. and Mrs. Peters six children have been born: Henry, who is twenty years of age; Adella, aged seventeen; William, thirteen; John, eleven; Amanda, eight; and August, three years of age. All of the children are at home and William, John and Amanda are attending district school No. 100, of Honey Point township.

Politically Mr. Peters adheres to the republican party. He has filled the office of school director of district No. 100 for twelve years past and is now serving his second year as a member of the county drainage commission, which is in charge of important work in progress at the present time. He and his family are members of the German Lutheran church of Cahokia township. As is indicated by the record herewith presented, Mr. Peters is a self-made man and his success is the legitimate result of his rightly applied energies. His life is proof

of what may be accomplished by one who is actuated by the right principles, provided he is willing to labor diligently and deny himself in earlier years in order to become assured of abundance later in life.

ISAAC N. WRIGHT.

Isaac N. Wright, an enterprising farmer of Bird township, has a comfortable home on section 31, which he acquired through his ability, energy and good judgment. He is a native of Morgan county, Illinois, born March 11, 1836, a son of Noah and Sarah (Vance) Wright, the former of whom was born in Kentucky and the latter in Tennessee. The father migrated from his native state to Illinois in pioneer times and after spending a few years in this state removed to Jefferson county, Iowa, where he located upon government land. The parents both died in Iowa. In their family were nine children three of whom are now living besides the subject of this review, namely: Mrs. Mary Harber, of Nilwood; Samuel S., whose home is at Keota, Iowa; and Jasper, who lives in Jefferson county, Iowa.

The boyhood and youth of Isaac N. Wright were spent upon his father's farm and under the favoring influences of outdoor life he acquired a strength of muscle and mind that proved highly important factors in the accomplishment of his success. At the age of seventeen he came to Macoupin county, Illinois, and secured employment driving a team of oxen upon a farm. He applied himself with great energy and to such good purpose, that in 1866 he purchased the land on section 15, Bird township, upon which he now lives. Since his earliest recollection he has been identified with the farming industry for which he is adapted both by inclination and natural ability. He has always taken a deep interest in his business and his beautiful home and well improved farm are proofs of his good taste and skill. His fields are highly productive and yield bountiful harvests, so there is no danger but what he will be able to keep the wolf from the door.

In 1857 Mr. Wright was married to Miss Susan Wommack, a daughter of John W. and Nancy (Yowell) Wommack, who arrived in Macoupin county at an early day and were long identified with its agricultural interests. To this union three children were born, only one of whom, Robert, is now living. He is engaged in farming in Nebraska. The mother died January 1, 1872, and Mr. Wright was married August 4, 1872, to Susan E. Standley, who was born near Jacksonville, in Morgan county, Illinois, April 9, 1848. Her parents were William and Matilda (Ausmus) Standley, early settlers of Morgan county. They moved to the northern part of Missouri and there spent the remainder of their days. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are the parents of two children: Emma, the wife of Charles Gates, of Denver, Colorado; and Annie M., who is employed as a stenographer at Girard. Mr. Wright has several grandchildren in whom he takes great pride.

As a public-spirited citizen he has from the time of reaching his majority been interested in good government and in the progress of the community of

which he is a valued member. He has never sought the honors or emoluments of public office but has served as school director of the township. He cast his first presidential vote for Millard Fillmore and is now a staunch republican. He has made his home in Macoupin county for fifty-eight years and has been a witness of the many changes that marked the last half of the nineteenth and the opening of the marvelous twentieth century upon which we have now fairly entered. He has seen many of his early dreams realized and now enjoys a comfortable income as the result of years of persistence and well applied labor.

THOMAS F. CHAMBERLAIN.

Although a young man Thomas F. Chamberlain has won his way to a responsible position in financial circles of Macoupin county, and as cashier of the First National Bank of Brighton is a growing factor in the development of the community. He is a native of Greenville, Bond county, Illinois, and was born October 3, 1878, a son of James W. and Martha R. (Lynch) Chamberlain. The father was born in Greenville, March 29, 1857. The grandfather, Thomas Chamberlain, was a native of Ohio and the grandmother was born in Kentucky. They settled at Greenville in the '40s and were among the prominent pioneers of that section. The parents of our subject are still living and reside on the home farm, two miles north of Greenville. The father has been connected with farming for many years but has resided on the homestead for only six years past. He is a molder by trade and was formerly employed in the car shops at Litchfield and Mount Vernon.

Thomas F. Chamberlain received his early education in the public schools and possessed advantages of attendance for one year at the Greenville high school. At the age of fourteen he began working in the car shops at Mount Vernon and soon afterwards, while assisting his father in the foundry, he began the study of shorthand which he carried forward in a night school. After gaining a good acquaintance with stenography he entered the employ of W. A. Northcott, who was then head consul for the Modern Woodmen of America and is now United States district attorney. Mr. Chamberlain continued in the employ of Mr. Northcott for seven years, at the end of which time he accepted a position as secretary to F. J. V. Skiff, director of exhibits at the St. Louis Exposition, and continued with Mr. Skiff until the close of the exposition. He then became secretary to J. C. Van Blarcom, president of the National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis, one of the most important financial institutions in the west. He remained in the employ of Mr. Van Blarcom until the death of the latter, in August, 1908. In April, 1909, Mr. Chamberlain came to Brighton and associated with a number of the leading citizens in organizing the First National Bank of this city. A meeting was called to consider the organization of the bank on Saturday afternoon and on Monday morning following, less than thirty-six hours after the movement started, thirty-five thousand dollars was subscribed. As only twenty-five thousand dollars was called for, it was necessary to refuse subscriptions to the amount of ten thousand

dollars. Under able management the bank is now well established and is one of the flourishing concerns of Macoupin county. A large share of the credit for the success of this undertaking is due to the energy and ability of Mr. Chamberlain who has proved thoroughly qualified for the responsible position he has filled ever since the bank was opened.

In 1899 he was married to Miss Gertrude J. Thompson, of Greenville, and to this union three children have been born, two of whom survive, Thomas F., Jr., and Gertrude. Politically Mr. Chamberlain adheres to the republican party and has taken an active interest in its success, having served as a member of the county executive committee in 1910. He is a member of Hibbard Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Brighton Lodge No. 366, I. O. O. F.; Greenville Lodge, K. O. T. M.; and Brighton Camp No. 1688, M. W. A. He and his wife are identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is an active worker, being at the present time superintendent of the Sunday school. As is indicated above, he is an unusually busy man. He is prompt and efficient in everything to which he gives his attention and, as he possesses good judgment and clear discrimination, he decides questions arising in his business quickly and correctly. His early training under acknowledged leaders has proved to him of inestimable value and the progress he has made in the financial world is a bright prophecy of larger honors and rewards in years to come.

ISRAEL CHAPPELL.

At the age of eighty-six years Israel Chappell is living retired upon his farm in Honey Point township, and he and his wife in comfort and ease are enjoying the fruits of their labors. His eyes first rested on Illinois seventy-eight years ago and after arriving at manhood he joined the great army of gold hunters that crossed the plains to California in the pioneer days. It required six months to accomplish the journey from the Missouri river and the long trail was marked in many places with the graves of disappointed adventurers. Unlike thousands of others Mr. Chappell was at least moderately successful in his quest for the yellow metal and after returning from the Pacific coast was enabled to procure a home. He was born in Devonshire, England, February 5, 1825, a son of Bartholomew and Grace (Geen) Chappell. The parents were both of good English stock and were born and reared in Devonshire. In 1833 the father came to America with his family and located in Greene county, Illinois, being one of the pioneer settlers of that county. He purchased a farm upon which he lived until his death, in 1872. The mother survived until 1877, making her home principally with her daughter, Mrs. Theresa Noble, of Jersey county, Illinois. Mr. Chappell was twice married. By his first union there were six children, John, Bartholomew, William, Ann, Elizabeth and Susan. Seven children were born to his second marriage, namely, Solomon, Israel, Richard, Ephraim, Lucinda, Thirza and Mahala.

The district schools of the neighborhood supplied Israel Chappell with an opportunity to become acquainted with the rudiments of an English education

and as he grew to maturity he assisted his father upon the home farm. He began to work upon his own account at eight dollars per month, his employer being a farmer named Brown. The second year he received ten dollars per month and the third year engaged under a brother-in-law of Mr. Brown, near Jacksonville, Illinois, at thirteen dollars per month. After three years' experience as an employe Mr. Chappell associated with his brother Ephraim in renting their father's farm of three hundred and twenty acres which they cultivated for one year. In 1850 he yielded to the gold excitement which swept through the country after the discovery of gold at Sutter's Fort, in California, and started for the mining region with a mule team and a covered wagon. After a long and arduous journey in the course of which many dangers were encountered, he arrived in California and applied himself to washing gold out of the sands for nine months, giving the woman who fitted him out and provided him with board one-half of all the gold he secured. At the end of the time named he started to prospect upon his own account. After acquiring what appeared to him in those days a handsome sum of money he returned to Illinois and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 4, Honey Point township, for which he paid one hundred and forty dollars. This farm belonged to his father and was entered by him from the government in 1848. In 1853 Mr. Chappell took up his residence upon his newly purchased place and began its improvement by breaking twenty acres of raw prairie land. As the years passed this farm became one of the most productive of its size in the township. He also purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Shaws Point township and as he used good judgment in his work, he secured very satisfactory returns upon his labor. He has lived retired for twenty-five years past, the cultivation of the farm being carried forward by younger persons.

On the 30th of March, 1854, in Genesee county, New York, Mr. Chappell was married to Miss Sophia Hunt, a daughter of George and Sophia Hunt, both of whom were natives of England. They emigrated to America and established their home in New York state, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Chappell. Watson is now engaged in farming at Kearney, Nebraska. George married Lydia Wharton, of Jerseyville, and is now a farmer of Shaws Point township. Grace is the wife of Samuel Dugger, a retired farmer of Carlinville. Richard is engaged in farming near Belvidere, Illinois. Cora married Walter Groves, who is engaged in teaching school at Carlinville. Matilda and William are deceased, the former having died in infancy and the latter at the age of three years.

In politics Mr. Chappell usually votes the national republican ticket. He cast his first ballot for General Zachary Taylor as president of the United States. He is not an uncompromising adherent of the party of protection and in local affairs often supports candidates of acknowledged high character irrespective of their political views. He served as a member of the school board for twenty-five years, as highway commissioner for six years, and as school trustee of Honey Point township for three years, always discharging his duties in a way that met with a hearty response from the people. His religious belief is indicated by membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Shaws Point township, his wife, one daughter and son Richard, being also identified with the

same church. He has for many years been connected with the lodge of Odd Fellows at Carlinville but has been unable to attend recently on account of the inconvenience of travel for a man who is advanced in age. Having conscientiously discharged his responsibilities he looks back upon many pleasant experiences and has no reason to regret selecting Macoupin county as his permanent place of abode. He was early animated with the firm purpose to win an honorable name and by the exercise of sound judgment he accomplished the object of his ambition. His name is inseparably interwoven with the history of Macoupin county and it is with pleasure that this record is herewith presented of one of its most worthy citizens.

CHARLES T. WOODWARD.

To Charles T. Woodward, of Carlinville, belongs the distinction of being at the head of a hardware business which was established fifty years ago and has been maintained without interruption during the entire period named. A native of Carlinville, he was born February 8, 1868, a son of Septimus and Elizabeth (Trumbull) Woodward, the former of whom was a native of Kentucky and the latter of Illinois. They were the parents of six children, namely: Annie, who is the wife of E. C. Barber, of Fort Madison, Iowa; Katie, Laura and May, all of whom died in childhood; Nellie M., who married J. W. O'Brien and is now deceased; and Charles T.

The father of our subject was brought by his parents to Pike county, Illinois, when he was six months old. After receiving his preliminary education he learned the tinner's trade at Winchester. In 1856 he came to Carlinville and found employment at his trade with the firm of Keller & Fishback. In January, 1861, he opened a hardware store in his own name and continued in that line of business to the time of his death, which occurred in March, 1901, in the sixty-eighth year of his age. He was also engaged for two years in the lumber business. His wife died in 1906, at the age of seventy-three. They were both consistent members of the Methodist church. Mr. Woodward was for many years a leading citizen of Carlinville and contributed his full share toward its upbuilding. He was a man of fine business ability, exceptionable character and great public spirit. His name is inseparably connected with the history of Carlinville and his memory will ever be revered by all who had the honor of his acquaintance.

The grandfather of our subject on the paternal side was Henry Woodward. He was a native of Kentucky and was of German descent. He married a Miss Schull whose parents emigrated from Pennsylvania to Kentucky and passed the remainder of their lives in that state. She came to Illinois and took up her residence at Griggsville, in Brown county. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward had several sons who died when young and two daughters, Sophia and Kate. Sophia married William Farrell who was in partnership with Mr. Woodward at Carlinville for twenty-five or thirty years, the firm being known as Woodward & Farrell. Kate married William Shibley who engaged in wagon making at Carlinville. He

was a soldier in the Civil war and is now living at the Soldiers' Home at Quincy. The grandfather on the maternal side was William Trumbull, a native of Massachusetts, whose father at one time owned Breed's Hill, the site of the battle of Bunker Hill. William Trumbull was a pioneer of Griggsville, Illinois, and was by trade a wagon maker. His wife was a Miss Beckford and they were the parents of fifteen children, Mrs. Woodward, the mother of our subject, being the youngest.

Charles T. Woodward was reared in Carlinville and secured his preliminary education in the public schools, later attending Blackburn University, and the Wyman Institute at Upper Alton. After leaving the institute he entered his father's store as clerk and upon the death of his father succeeded to the business, which he has managed with excellent judgment. He has taken a prominent part in advancing the interests of hardware dealers in the state and is now serving as president of the Illinois Retail Hardware Dealers' Association and is a member of the executive committee of the National Retail Hardware Dealers' Association.

On December 7, 1887, Mr. Woodward was married to Miss Jennie Converse, of Greene county, Illinois, a daughter of Uriah and Minerva (Standifer) Converse. One daughter, Geraldine, has been born to this union. The father of Mrs. Woodward is a native of Vermont and came to Illinois after arriving at maturity and purchased government land in Greene county at a dollar and a quarter an acre. He is still residing at his old home and is now eighty-six years of age. Mrs. Converse is deceased. She was the mother of five children, Eugene, Dora, Harry, Jennie and Trueman. Politically Mr. Woodward is in active sympathy with the democratic party. He has never sought the emoluments of public office but served with general acceptability as alderman of the first ward. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and his estimable wife possess genial social characteristics and have an extensive circle of friends throughout the community. He belongs to that class of energetic and honest men who give dignity to their vocation and are respected by all with whom they come into contact.

JAMES T. RIGSBY.

There is no record which the American citizen holds in higher honor than that of the man whose strength of character, determination of purpose and indefatigable energy have enabled him to work his way upward from a humble position to one of affluence and who through his business career has followed a straightforward, honorable course, that neither seeks nor requires disguise. Such has been the history of James T. Rigsbey who from a poor boy has worked his way up in the business world until he is one of the most substantial and affluent men of Macoupin county.

He was born on the 23d of April, 1863, in Garrett county, Kentucky, a son of William and Margaret (Kennedy) Rigsbey. The father was born in the same county in 1843, and his parents were also natives of the Blue Grass state,



J. T. RIGSBY



MRS. J. T. RIGSBEY AND BABY

both passing away, however, prior to the birth of their grandson. The mother, who in her maidenhood was Margaret Kennedy, was born in 1845, a daughter of David and Margaret (Faulkner) Kennedy, also natives of Garrett county, Kentucky, where they died when about ninety years of age. The Kennedy and Faulkner families have long been residents of that county, where representatives of the name have been very prominent both socially and politically.

The family of William and Margaret (Kennedy) Rigsbey consisted of eleven children, as follows: Mary, the widow of Frederick Shaw, of Garrett county; Eliza, the widow of B. Conn, also of that county; Margaret, who married Benjamin Lunsford, of Garrett county; John William, of Macoupin county, Illinois; Parmelia, the widow of David Ross, of Garrett county, Kentucky; Harriet, who married James J. Hawley, of Garrett county; David, also of that county; Lucy, the wife of James Anderson, of the state of Texas; James T., of this review; and Robert H. and Andrew, both of this county.

In the public schools of his native state James T. Rigsbey acquired his education and his father's farm in Kentucky was the training ground upon which he received his preparation for life's practical duties. He was but seventeen years of age at the time of his marriage, after which he came to Illinois, locating at Chesterfield, Macoupin county. He was but a lad in years and was in very straitened circumstances, but he possessed a determined spirit and resolute will and at once set about earning a livelihood. He secured employment as a farm hand, working by the month, and was thus engaged for about a year. His ambition, however, urged him onward toward the goal of independence, and he took up his residence upon a farm of eighty acres, which he operated as a renter for ten years. This period was fraught with unceasing toil and a perseverance that never faltered, and at its expiration he had saved sufficient money with which to purchase land. Consequently he invested in a tract to which he added as his success continued, until at one time he was the owner of ten hundred and eighty acres. In addition to the cultivation of the soil he became interested in the grain and stock business, buying at Chesterfield, his operations amounting to fifty thousand dollars the first year. In 1906 he discontinued his farming to devote his entire attention to his grain and stock business, which he has greatly developed until today his sales amount to practically a half million dollars per year. He is an extensive cattle feeder and is a large landowner, possessing some of the finest and best equipped farms in Macoupin county.

On the 13th of May, 1880, Mr. Rigsbey was united in marriage to Miss Carrie C. Adams, a daughter of John Quincy Adams, of Garrett county, Kentucky, of which state her grandparents were also natives. By this union were born seven children, as follows: Ora Lee, the wife of H. G. Loper, of Macoupin county; Arthur, who passed away at the age of seventeen years; Will Q., residing in Macoupin county; Ida May, deceased; Edna, who married T. I. Dowland, of this county; and Edward and Alvena, both at home. The wife and mother passed away in October, 1899, and in 1900 Mr. Rigsbey was again married, his second union being with Miss Annie D. Snidle, who was born March 6, 1878, a daughter of James and Emma (Coatney) Snidle, of Macoupin county. The father was born in Yorkshire, England, a son of Edward and Nancy Snidle, who came to America a few years after the arrival of their son

in Macoupin county, Illinois. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Rigsbey were born in this county. By the second marriage of Mr. Rigsbey there were five children, as follows: Cleo, who died at the age of ten years; and Vivian, James T., Jr., Clarence and Anne May, all yet at home.

Mr. Rigsbey is a faithful member of the Methodist church and fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. Although he gives his support to the democratic party at the polls, he is liberal in his political views and public-spirited in his citizenship. He has never had time nor inclination for participating actively in the public life of the community, for his extensive business interests have demanded his entire attention. Few men of Macoupin county more richly deserve the proud American title of a self-made man, for, on the strength of his own resources, through the constant application of perseverance, coupled with hard work and careful management, he has been able to rise in the business world from comparative penury and obscurity to a position of prominence among the most successful and representative citizens of this county, and his prosperity is all the more creditable from the fact that it has been honorably won, his methods ever being fair and aboveboard.

W. H. WHITEHOUSE.

W. H. Whitehouse, one of the representative citizens and worthy native sons of Mount Olive, has served in the capacity of postmaster since June, 1902. His birth occurred in Mount Olive on the 22d of July, 1859, his parents being Henry and Amelia (Lehmann) Whitehouse, both of whom were natives of Germany. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in young manhood and young womanhood, locating in Macoupin county, Illinois, where their marriage was celebrated. Henry Whitehouse followed general agricultural pursuits as a means of livelihood. In 1864 he took a carload of hogs to St. Louis, Missouri, and while crossing the river on a ferry boat fell therefrom and was drowned. His wife still survives him and resides on the old homestead adjoining Mount Olive.

W. H. Whitehouse was reared under the parental roof and obtained his education in the public schools, also pursuing a course of study in Greer's Commercial College of St. Louis. After putting aside his text-books he secured a position as clerk in a grocery store in St. Louis. Eight months later he returned to Mount Olive and obtained employment in the store of Keiser, Niemeyer & Company, remaining with that concern for about eighteen months. On the expiration of that period a mine shaft was sunk in Mount Olive and Mr. Whitehouse became one of the stockholders. After it was opened he took a position at the mine and a short time later was made clerk. In 1885 the mine was sold to the Ellsworth Coal Company and Mr. Whitehouse entered the employ of that concern, being afterward made head clerk over all their properties in Macoupin county. Some two years later the Ellsworth Company was merged into the Consolidated Coal Company of St. Louis, with which our subject remained as chief clerk until 1889, when he severed his connection therewith. In April, 1890, he embarked in the mercantile business at Mount Olive as a member of

the firm of J. H. Johnson & Company, with which he was identified until December, 1898, when he disposed of his interest and accepted the position of deputy sheriff under Sheriff Fahrenkrog, serving in that capacity until June 15, 1902. On that date he resigned the position in order to take up his duties as postmaster of Mount Olive, to which office he had been appointed on the 27th of May, 1902. On the 10th of December, 1906, he received a reappointment and is therefore still the able incumbent, discharging his responsible duties in a most faithful and acceptable manner. He likewise owns and cultivates sixty-five acres of farm land adjoining the corporate limits of Mount Olive.

Mr. Whitehouse has been married twice. In 1886 he wedded Miss Mathilda Rosenthal, of New Douglas, Illinois, by whom he had one child, who died in infancy. The wife and mother passed away in 1887 and in 1888 Mr. Whitehouse was again married, his second union being with Miss Margaret Arkebauer, of Mount Olive, by whom he has four children, as follows: Mollie, assistant postmistress of Mount Olive; Theodore, who is employed as a clerk in the post-office; Alvin; and William. The children are all at home.

In politics Mr. Whitehouse is a republican, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party. He served as justice of the peace for four years and for two years held the office of township supervisor. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Evangelical Lutheran church. His friends, and they are many, speak of him in terms of warm praise and good will and his life record shows that he is well entitled to mention among the distinctively representative citizens of Macoupin county.

GEORGE H. CLARK.

George H. Clark, postmaster of Piasa and one of the well known merchants of Macoupin county, is a native of the town where he now lives and comes of one of the honored pioneer families of Illinois. His eyes opened to the light of day March 7, 1852, his parents being Edward B. and Nancy (Parker) Clark. The father was born in Logan county, Kentucky, October 25, 1824, and the mother was born in September, 1834. The grandparents on the maternal side were George and Cynthia Ann (Rhoads) Parker, the former of whom was a native of Virginia.

Howard Clark, the grandfather of our subject on the paternal side, was born in Logan county, Kentucky, and married Eliza Jane Wilson. He removed with his family from his native state in 1828, driving by team to Jersey county, Illinois, where he located on government land near Brighton. He there engaged in farming until 1858, when he retired and moved to Brighton, where he spent the remainder of his days. He was very prominent in the community, being a man of high character and acknowledged business ability. In his family were five children: Edward B., the father of our subject; Hezekiah C., James and William, all of whom lived at Brighton and are now deceased; and Isaac W., who is also deceased. Hezekiah, James and Isaac served in the Union army at the time of

the Civil war. Hezekiah and James returned home at the close of the Rebellion, but Isaac disappeared and is supposed to have died in a southern prison.

Edward B. Clark received his education in the public schools and was reared on his father's farm in Kentucky until eleven years of age, when he came to Illinois. When he arrived at the age of twenty-one he entered eighty acres of government land in Shipman township, near Piasa, to which he added by purchase, until he became the owner of two hundred and thirty acres of good land in this county. He was prominently identified with the upbuilding of the county and was known as a man of unusual public spirit and progressiveness. He died on his farm in 1891. The mother of our subject is still living and makes her home at Upper Alton, Illinois. She is a daughter of George Parker, who was born near Culpeper Courthouse, Virginia, and came to Illinois about 1835, settling in Macoupin county. To the union of Edward B. and Nancy Clark nine children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch is the eldest, the others being: Charles M., who died at the age of twenty-five years; Eliza Jane, who married W. O. Denny, of Shipman township, and is now deceased; Emma Alice, who became the wife of E. C. Denny, of Shipman township, and is also deceased; Fremont, who is now engaged in farming in Shipman township; Irvin P., who is a railroad conductor and makes his home at St. Louis, Missouri; Minnie, who is now living at Alton, Illinois; Edwin B., who died at the age of thirty-two years; and Lelia, who is the wife of J. Bowden, of Alton, Illinois.

After receiving his preliminary education in the public schools George H. Clark pursued his studies further at the State Normal University of Normal, Illinois. He continued with his parents and assisted in farm work until twenty-one. He then began teaching school and for five years successfully devoted his attention to this vocation in Macoupin and Jersey counties. In 1878 having decided to enter the mercantile business, he purchased the general store of C. B. Wilson at Piasa and has ever since been identified with mercantile pursuits. In 1900 he disposed of the grocery department of the store and in 1908 sold the implement stock. He has since given his attention with the assistance of his wife to handling drugs, shoes and hardware. In 1900 he and his brother Irvin P. purchased a large grocery stock at Galesburg, but disposed of it after managing the business for four years. Mr. Clark was appointed postmaster of Piasa by President Arthur about 1881 and held the office for ten years. He was again appointed by President Roosevelt in 1907 and has since continued to act as postmaster to the general satisfaction of the people of the community. The office is now under civil service rule and it is probable that Mr. Clark will continue to serve in his present position as long as he desires to do so.

On the 16th of October, 1879, he was married to Miss Jennie Price, a daughter of Evan and Ann (Lewis) Price, both of whom were natives of Wales. They came to America after their marriage and settled at Alton, Illinois, where Mr. Price engaged in mining. He and his wife both died when their daughter Jennie was in her infancy, the other members of the family being: Mary, who is the wife of John Blotna, of Fosterburg, Illinois; Rebecca, who is the widow of William Armstrong, of Kemper, Illinois; Anna, the deceased wife of William Powers, of Glenwood, Michigan; and Henry, who was adopted on the death of his parents into the family of Henry Hankhouse, of Alton, Illinois, and took the name of

Hankhouse. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clark. Charles P., the eldest, is now engaged in the general merchandise business at Fidelity, Illinois. He married Cora James, of East St. Louis, and they have two children, Irma and Kenneth. Victor W. is engaged in the produce commission business at St. Louis. He married Mae Morgan, of Shipman township, Macoupin county. Myrtle, the youngest of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Clark, died at the age of eighteen months.

In politics Mr. Clark gives his support to the republican party. He served as township clerk of Shipman township and for fifteen years filled the office of school treasurer of the township. He is a firm believer in the authority and inspiration of the Bible and attends the Baptist church of Piasa, being also a valued member of the Masonic order and of the Knights of Honor. In the course of an active life he has always been loyal to every trust and in a community where he has been known since his boyhood, his promise is accepted without question. This speaks higher than words in his praise, as a reputation for sincerity and integrity is more to be desired than great riches secured through questionable means.

WILLIAM H. BARRICK.

William H. Barrick, a prominent young business man of Mount Olive, who well deserves a place in this work as one of the progressive citizens of Macoupin county, is a native of Carlinville, born October 17, 1877. He is a son of Charles F. and Martha (Wentworth) Barrick. The father was born in Carlinville in 1839, his parents having arrived in Macoupin county from Kentucky about 1835. He learned the carpenter's trade but the outbreak of the Civil war interfered with his plans and he offered his services to his country, enlisting as a member of a company which was recruited at Carlinville. He went to the front with his regiment and served during the entire four years of the rebellion, participating in a number of the great battles and in many of the important campaigns. After receiving his honorable discharge he returned home, and until 1881 engaged in the carpentering and building business at Carlinville. He then came to Mount Olive and entered the lumber business with which he was prominently identified for sixteen years. In 1897 he moved to Ramsey, and for a year was connected with the hardware business but at the end of that time disposed of his interests and entered the lumber business at Carlinville, in which he was engaged during the remainder of his life. He died in 1908 but his wife is still living and resides in Carlinville. The business which her husband originated is now being conducted by her son Julius. She is well known in the community and is an active member of the Christian church. Mr. Barrick was a prominent supporter of the republican party and although influential in its councils in Macoupin county he never sought the honors or emoluments of public office, preferring to devote his attention to his family and his business affairs.

Mr. Barrick, whose name introduces this sketch, was reared under highly favorable influences for a useful life and was educated in the Mount Olive public and high schools, graduating from the high school in 1897. In the spring of

the same year he began the study of pharmacy in the Binney Pharmacy at Mount Olive and in 1901 passed the examination of the state board, receiving a certificate as pharmacist. He has since that time been manager of the Binney Pharmacy, which was established about 1893 by Dr. Binney and A. J. Kopf. After the death of the senior member of the firm Mr. Kopf disposed of his interest to the Binney estate and upon the settlement of the estate the pharmacy became the property of Mrs. Barrick. As he possesses an excellent address and is thoroughly familiar with the business to which he has devoted his best energies, Mr. Barrick has gained many friends and is recognized as one of the broad and progressive men of the community. He is also identified with other branches of business and is a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank, manager of the Mount Olive Ice, Cold Storage & Fuel Company, and is actively interested in the development of the oil deposits in the vicinity of Mount Olive.

On the 20th of January, 1902, Mr. Barrick was married to Miss Margaret Binney, a daughter of Dr. John Binney, who was for twenty-five years a resident of Mount Olive and one of the leading practitioners of Macoupin county. He was a native of this county, and a son of Walter P. Binney, who was born in England and settled on a farm in Staunton township, Macoupin county, about 1850. Mr. and Mrs. Barrick have two children, Grace L. and Binney. Mr. Barrick is not connected with any religious denomination, but his wife is identified with the Methodist Episcopal church and also with the Order of the Eastern Star. He is a member of Staunton Lodge No. 177, A. F. & A. M.; Staunton Chapter No. 227, R. A. M.; and also of Mount Olive Camp No. 888, M. W. A. In politics he is in hearty sympathy with the republican party and is now serving as a member of the town council, being also president of the school board. He finds happiness in his business and his enterprise has brought him gratifying and honorable success; at the same time he has gained the merited confidence and respect of his business associates and all with whom he comes in contact.

TASE WEYEN.

Tase Weyen, who is recognized as one of the leading farmers of Cahokia township, is a native of Madison county, Illinois, and has spent his entire life in this state, of which he has proved a worthy and progressive representative. He is of German parentage and was born on his father's farm in Madison county, May 17, 1860, his parents being Weye H. and Meta (Johnson) Weyen, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

In the district schools Mr. Weyen of this review received his preliminary education. He assisted his father upon the home farm until arriving at maturity and then began farming on his own account upon one hundred and sixty acres in Cahokia township, which was given him by his father. The land was entirely unimproved but he applied himself with a will and subsequently purchased forty acres, being now the owner of two hundred acres of highly productive land. He has erected all the buildings and made many modern improvements,

so that today he can claim one of the most attractive homes in the county. Being thoroughly versed in farming, he has met with gratifying success in the cultivation of the soil and also as a stock-raiser. The air of neatness and comfort that prevails throughout the place is highly creditable to its owner, and is proof of the great interest he takes in his calling.

On the 11th of June, 1891, Mr. Weyen was married to Miss Ella Smith, of Gillespie township, a daughter of Wert Smith, who for many years was a prominent farmer of Macoupin county. Mr. and Mrs. Weyen are the parents of one child, Weye T., who was born February 23, 1893. Politically Mr. Weyen gives his earnest support to the democratic party, but he has never sought public office, as his inclinations lead him to devote his best energies to his own private affairs. He and his family are consistent members of the Lutheran church. He is one of the energetic and wide-awake men of this section and is always found in the front line among those who are most instrumental in promoting the welfare of the community. He belongs to the class of men, who may be designated as winners in the battle of life and who are responsible for the great advancement, which is visible on every hand in the wonderful American republic.

LOUIS FAULSTICH.

The clothing business finds a worthy representative in Louis Faulstich, of Staunton, who has been identified with the manufacture and sale of clothing ever since his boyhood and is recognized as one of the most enterprising and successful men in this line in Staunton. He is a native of Londorf, Germany, born May 14, 1866, and a son of John and Helen (Conrad) Faulstich, both of whom were born in the old country. The father emigrated to America with his family in 1868 and first located at Staunton, Macoupin county, Illinois. He engaged in the tailoring business which he had learned in his native land and retired from active labor in 1906. He and his wife are now making their home in this city. In their family were ten children, namely: William, a minister of the Lutheran church, who is now located at Whittemore, Iowa; Catherine, the wife of Rev. M. Leimer, of Beemer, Nebraska; Louis; Margaret, deceased; Henry; Elizabeth, the wife of A. Kiesling, of St. Louis, Missouri; John, who resided at Danville, Illinois, but is now deceased; George; Charles; and Tina, a resident of Staunton.

Louis Faulstich acquired his education in the parochial schools and on starting out in life for himself was first employed in Danville for sixteen years and at Indianapolis for two years. After the retirement of the father the four sons, Louis, Henry, George and Charles, assumed charge of the business under the title of Faulstich Brothers, Louis being the head of the firm. They carry a large and carefully selected stock of men's clothing and also do an extensive merchant tailoring business, the house being one of the best known in this part of the state. By up-to-date methods and liberal treatment of patrons the firm is steadily gaining in reputation and each year witnesses a gratifying increase

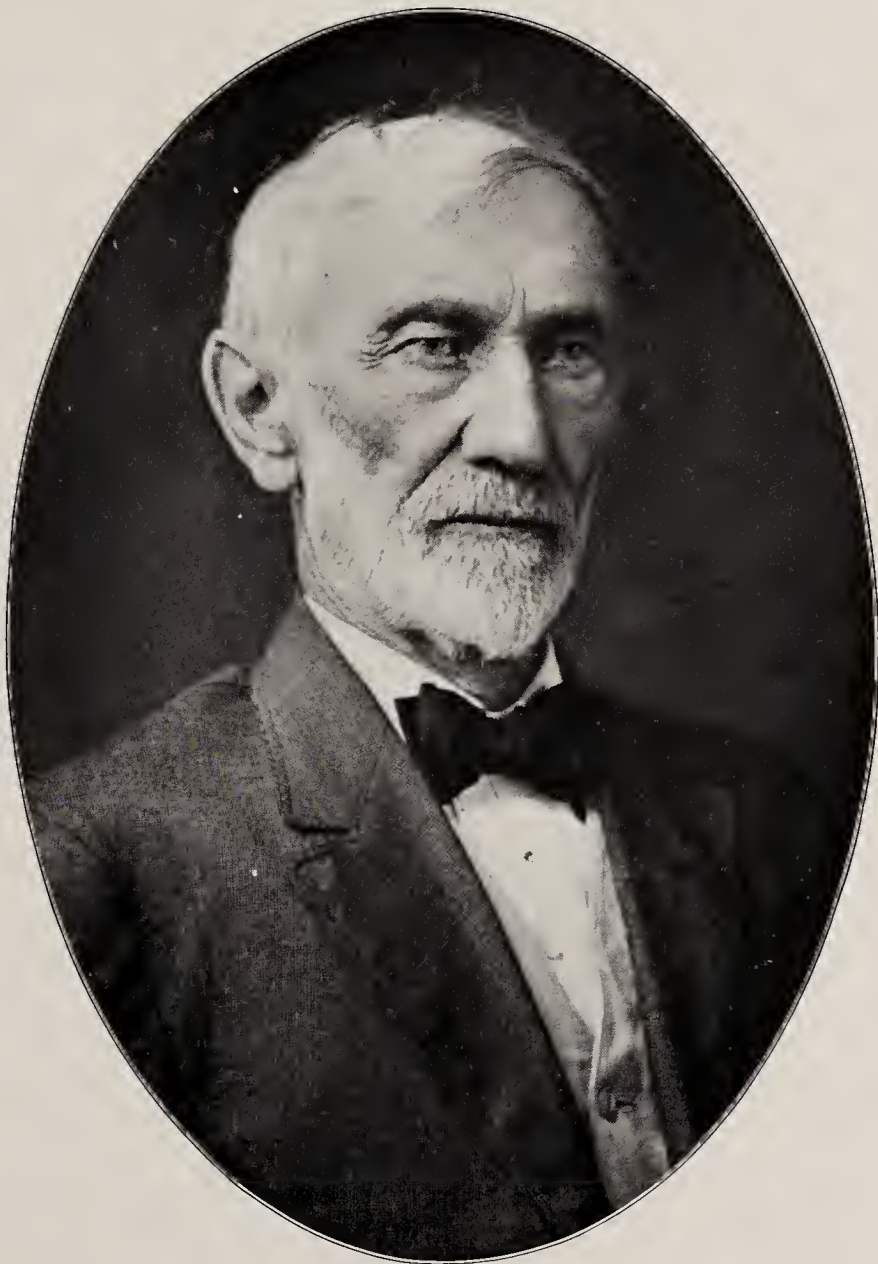
in its revenues. The patrons of this establishment feel assured that they will receive what they call for and that it will be the best of the kind in the market.

On the 5th of May, 1889, Louis Faulstich was married to Miss Sophia Voigt. They have no children of their own but adopted a child, Victor, to whom they have given every desirable advantage of education and training. In national affairs Mr. Faulstich is a republican, believing that the principles of protection and centralization of authority are highly important to the perpetuity of the nation. In all matters pertaining to his adopted city he is progressive and his support is never withheld from any measure that aims to promote the general welfare. He is a member of the Lutheran church and is now serving as financial secretary, a position for which he is eminently adapted by experience and natural qualification. Being a man of pleasing personality and gentlemanly address, he readily makes friends, and as his personal character and business methods have always been absolutely upright, his name is honored wherever it is known.

JUDGE LEWIS P. PEEBLES.

Many of the best citizens of the country were soldiers in the Civil war and amidst the dangers and privations incident to four long years of bloody conflict acquired lessons that shaped their future lives. Returning home after the Rebellion had been conquered, they bravely put their shoulders to the wheel and, although almost fifty years have elapsed since the clouds of war were removed, many of the participants are still prominently engaged in active pursuits. Judge Lewis P. Peebles, of Carlinville, who comes of good fighting ancestry, demonstrated his ability as a defender of the Union, and as a public official and practicing attorney he years ago gained recognition as one of the most prominent men of Macoupin county. He is a native of Chesterfield, this county, and was born July 13, 1836, a son of Jesse and Margaret (Reader) Peebles. The father was born near Camden, South Carolina, and the mother in Overton county, Tennessee. They had six children who lived to maturity, David L., William B., Isham J., John D., Lewis P. and Martha, who married M. A. Cushing. All of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Peebles are now deceased except Lewis P.

Jesse Peebles, the father of our subject, left South Carolina with his father when a small boy and the family settled in Kentucky, near Montfordville. In 1833 the son came to Illinois and entered forty acres of government land in Chesterfield township, Macoupin county. He made a contract with a man to build a log cabin for him and returned the next year, taking up his residence in the cabin. He set about industriously to improve his farm and became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of good land. He died in September, 1864, being then about sixty-eight years of age. He was twice married, his first wife dying in Kentucky, and when he came to Illinois he was a widower. His second wife was the mother of our subject and her death occurred in 1840. She was a devout Methodist as was also her husband, who was a local preacher, being one of the first preachers in Macoupin county. He performed many mar-



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riage ceremonies in the early days and was a man of unimpeachable character whose influence was always exerted in behalf of the upbuilding of the community. He never held any public office except that of postmaster, to which position he was appointed by President Jackson.

The grandfather of our subject on the paternal side was John Peebles. He was a native of South Carolina and of Scotch descent, being a blacksmith by trade. At the time of the Revolutionary war he served under General Marion and participated in the battles of Eutaw Springs and Cowpens, losing an eye in the service. After the war he removed to Hart county, Kentucky, and about 1840 came to Macoupin county, Illinois, with his second wife. He died in 1848, in his eighty-seventh year, his wife passing away several years prior to his death. Among his children were Abraham Bird, John, William, Jesse, Mary, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Cynthia and Lucinda. The grandfather on the maternal side was Jephtha Reader, a native of Tennessee and of English descent. He and his wife were among the early pioneers of Macoupin county, taking up their home a few miles northeast of Chesterfield. He lived to be about eighty years old and his wife also lived to an advanced age. Winifred Harrison was the maiden name of his wife and she was a second cousin of President Harrison. They were the parents of five children, Paschal L., Margaret, Sarah, Elizabeth and Lucinda.

Lewis P. Peebles was reared on his father's farm in Chesterfield township and secured his early education in the subscription schools that were conducted in an old-fashioned log cabin of the neighborhood. He continued on the home farm until the winter of 1861-62 when he began reading law and, just as he was fairly launched in the subject, the Civil war aroused the patriotism of tens of thousands of young men throughout the country and he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving as captain of the company for three years. He participated in the battle of Nashville, the siege and capture of Mobile, in the campaign against General Forrest at Tupelo, Mississippi, the battle of Parker's Cross Roads, Mississippi, and in many other engagements, also assisting in driving General Price out of the state of Missouri. After receiving his honorable discharge he returned to Macoupin county and resumed the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1867 and has since continuously engaged in practice except from 1873 to 1890 when he filled the office of county judge, the duties of which position he discharged with a fairness and ability that met the hearty approval of voters. He has always been greatly interested in farming and is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of good land in this county.

On the 18th of March, 1869, Judge Peebles was married to Miss Sarah E. Odell, a daughter of Enos P. and Susanna (Gibbon) Odell. To this union two children have been born, Jesse and Kathryn. Jesse Peebles was graduated from the Blackburn University and is now engaged with his father in the practice of law. He married Miss Edmona McClure and they have three children, Martha Ellen, Don and Pauline. Kathryn Peebles married W. H. Castle and they reside in Anadarko, Oklahoma. She is the mother of two children, Clara-belle and Winifred Harrison. Mrs. Peebles is a native of Scottville, Macoupin county, and her parents were natives of Ohio. They were early settlers of this

county and here passed the remainder of their lives. The mother died when she was about sixty-seven years of age, but the father passed away when he was comparatively a young man. They had four children: Rebecca, who married J. F. Cherry, of St. Louis, Missouri; Catharine M., who became the wife of Samuel B. Dugger and is now deceased; Annie P., now Mrs. Edwin Stephenson, of Colorado; and Sarah E., who married Lewis P. Peebles.

Judge Peebles is not connected with any religious denomination but his wife is a consistent member of the Methodist church. He belongs to Mount Nebo Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Dan Messick Post No. 339, G. A. R., and has served several terms as commander of the post. Politically he is a democrat. He occupied a chair for one term as member of the city council and has also been president of the board of education. Although seventy-five years of age he preserves much of the fire and vigor of younger manhood and is still engaged in practice, his long experience as attorney, counselor and judge making his advice especially valuable. He is honored wherever he is known and his record is one to which his family and friends may justly point with pride as his honesty, integrity and patriotism have never been questioned.

STEPHEN T. CARMODY.

Stephen T. Carmody, who occupies the responsible position of treasurer of Macoupin county, has from his infancy been identified with this section of the state. As a farmer and responsible man of business he gained favorable recognition through years of well directed industry previous to his election to his present office. He was born in Greene county, Illinois, December 25, 1861, and is a son of Thomas and Margaret (Malone) Carmody, both of whom were natives of County Clare, Ireland. In their family were seven children: Margaret, who is the wife of John Cavney, of South Otter township; Ellen, who died when she was about twenty years of age; Susan, who married Patrick Bloomfield, of Carlinville; Stephen T., the subject of this review; James E., who is now living in Seattle, Washington; and Elizabeth and Catharine, both of whom are of Carlinville.

The father of our subject was reared on the Emerald isle. He came to America in 1848 and took up his residence in Greene county, Illinois, where he engaged successfully in farming. In 1867 he removed with his family to South Otter township, Macoupin county, where he purchased two hundred acres of land, applying himself with such good results that he became the owner of seven hundred acres in this county. He died in March, 1890, at the age of seventy years, his wife's death occurring in 1907, when she also had arrived at the age of seventy. They were both consistent members of the Catholic church. Mr. Carmody was highly respected as an honorable and upright citizen. He held various township offices, including those of town clerk and assessor, and always displayed the same interest in the discharge of his duties as public officer that he evinced in the conduct of his own affairs. The grandfather and his wife came to America and passed the remainder of their lives in this country. In

their family were Thomas, Michael, Cornelius, John, Mary and Margaret. The grandparents on the maternal side spent their entire lives in Ireland. In their family were several children, among whom were John and Margaret.

Stephen T. Carmody was reared on his father's farm in Macoupin county from the age of three years and in the district schools he gained the foundation of his education. He also attended Blackburn University for two terms. After leaving the university he returned to farming and is now the owner of the old homestead, which comprises eighty acres and is one of the most valuable farms of its size in the township. On the 7th of November, 1910, he was elected county treasurer and is now making his home in Carlinville.

In February, 1891, Mr. Carmody was married to Miss Alice Pocklington, a daughter of Martin and Mary (Brannon) Pocklington, and two children have been born to this union, Stephen E. and Catharine Madeline. Mrs. Carmody was born in Carlinville. Her father was a native of England and her mother of Ireland. He came to America with his parents at the age of two years and was one of the early settlers of Carlinville. He and his wife both lived to an advanced age and were the parents of three children, Alice, Frank and Edward. Mr. Pocklington was twice married and his first wife was the mother of the following children: Hannah, Sarah, George and James.

The greatest sorrow Mr. Carmody has known was occasioned by the death of his wife, who was called from earthly scenes January 11, 1910, she being then forty-nine years of age. She was a devout member of the Catholic church and possessed many attractive qualities of character. Her memory is deeply revered by all who had the honor of her acquaintance. Religiously Mr. Carmody is identified with the Catholic church, in which he was nurtured, and politically he gives his earnest support to the democratic party. He served as supervisor of South Otter township for fourteen years and by his business-like methods in public office demonstrated his ability for a larger field of activity. He is wide-awake, progressive and thoroughly capable in everything he undertakes.

PHILIP JACOBI.

For nearly twenty-five years past Philip Jacobi has been connected with farming in Western Mound township and, as the head of a large family and an industrious and patriotic citizen, he has won honorable standing among his fellowmen. He is a native of Germany and was born in the province of Nassau, April 19, 1844, being a son of Caspar and Elizabeth Catharine (Colonius) Jacobi. The parents were both born in Nassau and were of good old German stock. The father served for six years and two months in the German army, enlisting in 1835 and being discharged in 1841. In 1853 he emigrated with his family to America, locating on a farm south of Brighton in Macoupin county, Illinois. Here he continued until his death on the 6th of November, 1889, being then seventy-four years of age. His wife was called away nineteen days after the departure of her husband, at the age of seventy-one. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Philip, the subject of this review; Peter,

who served for the Union in the Civil war and was living on a farm near Bunker Hill at the time of his death July 27, 1911; Fred, a farmer of Greene county, Illinois; Louis, of Denver, Colorado, who is employed in the factory of the Pullman Car Company; Mary Catharine, who became the wife of Henry Kramer, a farmer living near Brighton; Elizabeth, who died five years ago and was the wife of Arnold Tendick, a storekeeper of Rockbridge, Illinois; and Annie, who married Henry Tendick, a tinsmith of Jacksonville, Illinois.

Philip Jacobi came to Illinois with his parents at the age of nine years and has since made his home in this state. His early education was limited to attendance of three years and five months at the public schools of Germany. At the age of thirteen he began working for Henry Appel, one of the old settlers of the neighborhood, and while with him was given opportunity of attending school in the winter time. About 1860 he went to Alton, Illinois, and was employed for two years by a gardener but, not being especially attracted to this industry, he learned the blacksmith's trade under Jake Hartman, spending four years in his shop. He then went to Carrollton, Greene county, Illinois, and later opened a shop at North Alton, which he conducted for three years. His next place of residence was Rockbridge, Greene county, where he bought out a shop, and he was for seventeen years a resident of that place, gaining a wide reputation for skill in his business. At the end of the time named he rented his shop and in 1887 came to Western Mound township, Macoupin county, and for three years cultivated rented land. Having acquired the necessary capital, he purchased one hundred and seventy acres, upon which he established his home, subsequently disposing of ten acres of timber. He still owns a valuable place of one hundred and sixty acres, which yields goodly returns each year.

On the 10th of May, 1868, Mr. Jacobi was married to Miss Annie Marie Emmons, a daughter of John and Catharine (Deitz) Emmons. The father was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and the mother in Bavaria. They emigrated to Pennsylvania and were married in that state, removing to St. Louis in 1850. Mr. Emmons engaged in that city as a lumber and river man but four years later moved to Alton, Illinois, where he secured employment as a teamster. Subsequently he took up his residence with his family at Brighton, Macoupin county. After becoming established in this county he went south and was never heard from again. The mother died at Brighton on April 30, 1881. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Emmons were six daughters: Annie Marie, now Mrs. Philip Jacobi; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Lawrence Hellrung, who operates a brick yard near Alton, Illinois; Catharine the wife of Peter Hellrung, who is also engaged in the manufacture of brick; Mary, the widow of Henry Niehaus, who conducts a boarding house at Alton; Emma, the widow of Fred Schleuter, formerly a merchant of Alton, where she now lives, being still owner of the store; and Christina, who married William Poor, of Roodhouse, Illinois, a barber.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobi are the parents of eleven children. Philip, Jr., of Granite City, is engaged in the plumbing and steamfitting business. Louis married Nellie McPherson, of Virden, and engaged in business as a furniture dealer at that place. He died November 30, 1910, leaving three children, Raymond, Harry

and Merle. William, a painter of Mattoon, Illinois, wedded Ida Scutt, of Chesterfield, and has one child, Freida. Annie married Louis Ohler, of Chicago, who is employed as engineer on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, and became the mother of four children: Lavilla, who died at the age of eleven years; Florence, who died when nine months old; Philip; and Benjamin. Henry married Lillian Williams, of Chicago, and is a boiler maker of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, making his home in Chicago. At the time of the Spanish-American war he enlisted at Alton and served in the navy on board the battleship Cincinnati, later being transferred to other ships. Benjamin, engaged in the furniture business at Virden, married Dora Fisher, of that place, and has one child, Morrell. Ida became the wife of John Wilkinson, of Alton, who is employed by the Beall Manufacturing Company, and also has one child, Le Roy. Elizabeth makes her home with her parents. Albert is associated with his brother Ben at Virden. Fred, who also makes his home in Chicago, is a fireman on the Santa Fe Railroad. Chester, the youngest of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Jacobi, resides at home.

Mr. Jacobi is a staunch supporter of the republican party and an active worker in its behalf. He has been twice elected assessor of the township and is now serving in his second term. He has also effectively performed his duty as member of the school board for ten years and as school trustee for twelve years. His religious belief is indicated by membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Chesterfield, his wife being identified with the Roman Catholic church of Hagaman. He has through life maintained a high sense of honor and by his upright and useful spirit has set an example whose beneficial effects will be felt for many years to come. He is loyal in all matters of citizenship and his sterling qualities commend him to all he meets in business or social relations.

JAMES D. METCALF.

James D. Metcalf, cashier of the Shipman Banking Company of Shipman and prominently identified with the business interests of Macoupin county, is a native of Girard, born February 14, 1871. He is a son of James D. and Brunette (Mason) Metcalf, both of whom were born in Kentucky, the mother being a daughter of Dr. George B. Mason. The father was born in 1839 and was a son of William Metcalf, also a native of Kentucky. The grandfather was reared on his father's plantation and removed to Greene county, Illinois, with his family but in 1856 settled in Macoupin county.

James D. Metcalf, the father of our subject, was reared as a farmer's boy and secured his education in the district schools. He engaged in the drug and grocery business for many years at Girard and later organized the State Bank of Girard, becoming quite prominent in the development of that section. In his family were eight children, three of whom died in infancy, the others being: C. H., who is now living at Girard and is an ex-mayor of the city; Jesse M., cashier of the State Bank of Girard; E. Ballie, who married Jesse P. McKnight, of Los Angeles, California, and is now deceased; James D., Jr., the subject of

this sketch; and Mabel, a resident of Los Angeles. The mother of these children having died, Mr. Metcalf was married to Mrs. Amy Lowe and to this union one son, Harold, was born. He is connected with the State Bank of Girard.

Mr. Metcalf whose name introduces this sketch was reared in Girard and attended the public schools of that place until fifteen years of age. He then became a student of the Western Normal College at Bushnell, Illinois, and in 1888 matriculated in the University of Illinois at Champaign, from which he was graduated in June, 1893, with the degree of B. S. In 1893 and 1894 he traveled in California, Arizona and Mexico. Upon his return to Girard he spent several months in the Bank of Girard and on May 15, 1895, came to Shipman and assisted in organizing the Shipman Banking Company, of which he has since been director and cashier. The bank is a private institution and has a capital stock of fifteen thousand dollars and a surplus of eight thousand dollars. It does an extensive business with stock-feeders, farmers and dairy-men, confining its operations entirely to commercial banking. Mr. Metcalf is also vice president and director of the State Bank of Girard and a member of the board of directors of the State Bank of Fieldon, Jersey county. In addition to his banking interests he is the owner of a highly improved farm near Girard.

On the 16th of October, 1897, Mr. Metcalf was married in Macoupin county to Miss Eugenia Wolfe, who was born November 11, 1877, a daughter of Peyton Lisle and Medora (Young) Wolfe, the former of whom was born November 20, 1843, and the latter March 16, 1856. One child, Eugenia, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf. The Wolfe family is well known in Pennsylvania, the grandfather of Mrs. Metcalf coming from that state to Macoupin county at an early day. He settled upon a farm west of Girard. In his family were seven sons, two of whom died in infancy, while James, John, Thomas and George died after arriving at manhood. Peyton Lisle Wolfe, the father of Mrs. Metcalf, was reared in Macoupin county and at the age of nineteen, the Civil war being then in progress, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving in this regiment until the close of the Rebellion. After returning home he took charge of the home place. On November 20, 1874, he was married to Miss Medora Young and shortly afterwards purchased a farm in this county. In 1881 he moved to Kenoma, Barton county, Missouri, and purchased land there but later disposed of it and went to Colorado, where he took up his homestead on government land. In 1888 he returned to Girard where he continued to reside until his death which occurred in 1904. In his family were three children: Geraldine, who is the wife of Ernest Menard Kenna, a wholesale lumber dealer of New York city; Eugenia, now Mrs. James D. Metcalf; and Maude, who married Dr. John W. Kelly, of Springfield, Illinois.

Politically Mr. Metcalf is an adherent of the republican party but not through any desire to seek the honors or emoluments of public office, as his interest is concentrated upon his business affairs. He is a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity of the University of Illinois and also of Shipman Lodge, No. 212, A. F. & A. M. An energetic and progressive business man, he has won an enviable reputation in the financial circles of Macoupin county and his advice is sought by many who are desirous of making safe investments. Having been

blessed with excellent advantages of education, he has accomplished with comparative ease what often requires many years of labor and close application, and the possibilities in a rapidly developing country for a man of his ambition and energy are very great. In the opinion of his friends there is scarcely a doubt that as the years pass his field of activity and usefulness will be very largely increased.

WILLIAM J. SNEDEKER.

In the list of well known residents of Macoupin county should be named William J. Snedeker, who has made his home in this county for sixty years and is numbered among its honored pioneers. Like many of the brave settlers who sought to establish a home on the fertile prairies of Illinois, he is a native of New York state, born at Rochester, May 24, 1836. He is a son of Jacob and Ellen (Jay) Snedeker, both of whom were born at Trenton, New Jersey. The father was a farmer and engaged in his occupation in New York state for a number of years. Believing, however, that the great west offered more favorable advantages than he perceived in the more thickly settled regions of the east, he started with his family for Illinois in 1841, the little party traveling in a covered wagon. On the way through Ohio he was attracted by the appearance of the country in Champaign county and took up his residence there. After an experience of ten years in the Buckeye state he resumed his journey westward and spent one year in Jersey county, Illinois, at the end of which time he arrived in Macoupin county, purchasing land at a cost of five dollars per acre. He was one of the respected pioneers of this section and spent the remainder of his life in the county of his adoption. He was a brave man and served in the volunteer army during the war of 1812. His wife was one of the noble pioneer women. After coming to Illinois she met the Indians, who were still living in this section, and was personally acquainted with the celebrated Indian chief, Black Hawk. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Snedeker were eight children, the subject of this review being the only one now living.

William J. Snedeker possessed limited advantages of education in the public schools and is, therefore, largely a self-educated man, having gained his knowledge in the great school of experience from which have graduated many of the noblest men and women America has known. His boyhood and youth were spent upon his father's farm but he early learned the great lesson of self-reliance. He has resided in Macoupin county most of the time since 1851, and during all the period indicated has been identified with the development of this region. He was for many years engaged in farming but his attention was attracted to the nursery business with which he became thoroughly acquainted. He successfully carried on the business in Macoupin, Jersey and Montgomery counties, and gained a wide reputation as a competent and reliable nurseryman. Having acquired a competence, he is now living in retirement.

On the 16th of February, 1859, Mr. Snedeker was married in Macoupin county to Miss Ann E. Fleming, who was born in this county June 25, 1837, a

daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Fleming. The father was born in Ireland and the mother in Madison county, Illinois. He came to Greene county, Illinois, and subsequently settled on land in Macoupin county, which he preempted from the government, he and his wife spending the remainder of their days on the home farm. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Snedeker, two of whom, Elizabeth and Elmer M., are now living. Elizabeth is the wife of W. D. Holland, a prosperous farmer of Hilyard township, and Elmer is also engaged in farming in the same township. He married Susan Bright, a native of this county, and they have four children, William, Anna M., Orville and John E.

The political allegiance of Mr. Snedeker has been given for many years to the republican party, which he believes is better adapted than any other organization for upholding the principles of popular government. He never aspired to public office but has earnestly assisted in supporting the claims of friends for political honors. He is a staunch believer in the inspiration and authority of the Bible and is a member of the Methodist church to which he is a liberal contributor. A man of kindly nature he has made many friends who have been attracted by his unselfish qualities and his interest in the welfare of others.

JOHN J. KEISER.

John J. Keiser, who resides on the old family homestead in Mount Olive township, is the owner of three farms besides other valuable property and is prominently known as a farmer and capitalist of Macoupin county. He has gained his present responsible position mainly through his own exertions, having exercised from the beginning of his business career rare enterprise, energy and sound judgment.

He was born in Hanover, Germany, August 28, 1849, a son of John J. and Geske (Heien) Keiser, who were reared and married in the old country. In 1854 the father came to America with his family, landing at New Orleans, from which point passage was taken to Alton, Illinois, on one of the river steamers. In the spring of 1855 he settled on section 14, Mount Olive township, Macoupin county, and established his home on one hundred and twenty acres of government land, in one of the most productive spots of the county. He died December 6, 1855, but his widow survived for many years, passing away at the home of her daughter Anna in 1889. She was an active and consistent member of the Evangelical Lutheran church, as was also her husband, and they were worthy representatives of the pioneer settlers of Illinois.

Mr. Keiser, whose name introduces this sketch, was the youngest son in his father's family and has resided in Macoupin county since he was five years of age. He attended the Mount Olive schools and continued upon the home farm, of which he assumed charge as he grew to manhood, being the only son left with the mother. At the time of the division of the estate he acquired the old homestead, which he has ever since retained. Early in life he was imbued with a laudable ambition to win a reputable place among his fellowmen and through



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keen discernment and unfaltering application he has succeeded even beyond the brightest expectations of his youth. In addition to the home farm, which comprises one hundred and twenty acres, he owns forty acres of timber land in Mount Olive township and two farms of one hundred and eighty-six and two hundred and seventeen acres respectively in Madison county. His farms are provided with excellent houses, barns and other buildings and supplied with modern facilities for carrying forward the work according to the most approved methods. In addition to producing general crops he takes great interest in stock-raising and has for years shipped regularly to the markets at St. Louis and Chicago. His memory carries him back to the time when the first house was built in Mount Olive and he has plowed over almost every foot of ground upon which the town now stands. He was actively identified with the organization of the Mount Olive Coal Company and has been one of the leading factors in the development of the coal industry in Mount Olive. His history is, therefore, inseparably associated with that of the community in which he has spent almost his entire life.

On the 13th of March, 1877, Mr. Keiser was married to Miss Charlotte Monke, a native of Westphalia, Germany. She came to America when she was four or five years of age with her parents, Henry and Katharine (Papplewerth) Monke. The father settled in Macoupin county, but later removed to Montgomery county. Twelve children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Keiser, nine of whom survive, namely: Catherine, who is the wife of John Grosenheider, of Madison county, Illinois; Minnie, who married August Hemann, of Madison county; Emma, who is the wife of Tase Heyen, a merchant of Mount Olive; William, who is engaged at the carpenter's trade in Plymouth county, Iowa; Henry, also of Plymouth county; Frank, George and Mary, all of whom are at home; and Louis, who lives in Plymouth county, Iowa.

Mr. Keiser is in hearty sympathy with the principles of the republican party and gives to its candidates his earnest support. He and his family are identified with the Evangelical Lutheran church, with which he has been connected ever since his earliest recollection. He is essentially a man of business. He recognizes the value of labor and of persistent application in the accomplishment of any worthy object. A capable and thorough farmer, he is a consistent advocate of progress along all lines seeking to advance the general welfare. He is regarded with great respect by those who have known him longest—and that is an indisputable evidence of personal worth.

TRUMAN ASA SNELL.

There are men who early achieve success in life notwithstanding obstacles which appear to be insurmountable to others. They are born with an ambition which bows to no difficulty and endowed with an energy and clear judgment that lead to certain victory. Such a man is Judge Truman A. Snell who, although comparatively young, is now filling the office of county judge of Macoupin county. He is a native of this county, born on a farm seven miles east

of Carlinville, September 22, 1876, a son of Guy A. and Abbie (Voorhees) Snell, both of whom were born in Jersey county, Illinois. Of their family of seven children four survive, namely: Hugh A., who lives at Litchfield, Illinois; Myron W., who is a physician, also of Litchfield; Truman A., of this review; and Reba, the wife of H. J. White, a jeweler of Litchfield.

Guy A. Snell, the father of the subject of this review, has from his boyhood engaged in farming and is now living at Litchfield. He was reared in Jersey county and in addition to farming taught school in his early manhood. In the early '60s he came to Macoupin county and spent several years in Polk township, at the end of which time he removed to Honey Point township, where he resided for forty years, becoming the owner of seven hundred and seventy acres of good land in this county. He retired from active labor in 1900 and has since at ease enjoyed the fruits of many years of wisely directed application. He has now arrived at the age of seventy-two years, his wife being five years his junior. He formerly took an active interest in local affairs and served as supervisor of Honey Point township, township assessor and in other offices. Fraternally he is identified with the Elks.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Asa Snell, a native of Vermont. He removed to Jersey county, Illinois, and engaged for many years in the practice of medicine. The maiden name of his wife was Priscilla Landon and she lived to be ninety years of age. They had a large family: Guy; Gilbert, deceased; Mary, now of Oklahoma, who married Russell Bohannon, now deceased, and later John Forth, now deceased; Drucilla, who married Squire Watts, of Oklahoma; Clarissa, the wife of B. F. Calhoun, of Jerseyville; Martha, who married Richard Waddell, of Jersey county, and is now deceased; Ruby, the wife of Charles Perrings, of Polk township; Silas, who is now deceased; James, also deceased; Janette, who became the wife of Edward Lee and is now deceased; Luther, who lives at Carlinville; Hugh, who was formerly sheriff and treasurer of Jersey county; Katurah, who married S. Woolsey, of Auburn; and Augusta, the wife of John Howell, of Jerseyville.

The grandfather on the paternal side was Peter Voorhees, a native of New Jersey. He married Maria Kirby and they became early settlers of Jersey county, Illinois. In their family were nine children: Abbie; Charles, who lives at Jerseyville; John, who resided at Jerseyville and is now deceased; Sarah, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Libbie, who married T. F. Remer and lives in Denver, Colorado; George, who lives at Jerseyville; Margaret, who married Dr. McAdams of Wichita, Kansas, and is deceased; and Peter, deceased.

Truman A. Snell grew to maturity under the favoring conditions of farm life. He attended the district schools and Blackburn University, also becoming a student of Western Normal College at Bushnell. Like many promising young men he engaged in teaching school, a vocation which he followed for five years. During the latter part of his experience as teacher he began reading law and after making a fair start in the text-books matriculated at Washington University in St. Louis and was graduated from the law department of that institution in 1904 with honors and received the degree of LL.B. He was admitted to the bar the same year and began practice at Staunton, where he still maintains his office and his home. He showed special adaptability for his chosen

profession and soon gained a lucrative clientage. For three terms he served as city attorney at Staunton and in November, 1910, was elected judge of the county court of Macoupin county, a position which he now fills.

On the 21st of September, 1904, Judge Snell was married to Miss Emma Schmidt, a daughter of George W. and Margaret Louise (Theuer) Schmidt. Two children have come to brighten their home, Margaret Louise and Reba Alvena. Mrs. Snell is a native of the town of Dorchester and her father was a native of Germany, while her mother was born in St. Louis, Missouri. They lived at Gillespie, Illinois, for many years, where her father engaged in the hardware business. He died in January, 1906, at Carlinville at the age of sixty-six years, his wife having passed away eight years previously. Their children are George W., Jr., of Gillespie; Frederick E., of Gillespie; William H.; Emma; and Alvena.

Judge Snell is not identified with any religious denomination but his wife is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church. He is well known in fraternal circles and holds membership in the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he has from the time of casting his first vote been allied with the democratic party. He has demonstrated his ability to cope with legal problems and success has come as the reward of earnest endeavor, fidelity to trust and recognized standing in his profession. In his decisions he has demonstrated clear judgment and broadmindedness that enables him to comprehend readily the details of a situation and correctly to apply the principles of law. The people have confidence in his integrity and the future is for him bright with promise, as there are few men in Macoupin county who can claim precedence in popular esteem over Judge Truman A. Snell.

CARL L. KAESEMAN.

Although a young man Carl L. Kaeseman, of Staunton, has made rapid advancement in the business world and bids fair to gain an established reputation in commercial circles of Macoupin county. He is a native of this city and was born March 17, 1889, a son of J. C. and Amanda (Fritz) Kaeseman. The father was born at Oberdorla, Germany, April 7, 1862, and came to America at the age of eighteen years, locating at Staunton, Illinois. He worked in the mines for a time and then entered the employ of F. R. Fritz, his father-in-law, who was proprietor of a hardware store in the city. Subsequently Mr. Kaeseman purchased the business in which he has ever since been successfully engaged. He and his wife are the parents of seven children, namely: Fred, deceased; Carl L., of this review; Anna, who married Elmer Cherry, of Staunton; Otilia and Cordella, twins, both of whom are at home; Oscar, deceased; and Elmer, who is at home.

Mr. Kaeseman of this sketch received excellent advantages of education in the public schools of Staunton and after leaving school became connected with his father in business and in 1909 was admitted as a partner in the firm. They carry a complete line of hardware and own the commodious building in which

the business is conducted. They also have other interests in Staunton and are numbered among the prosperous business men of the city.

On the 6th of July, 1908, Mr. Kaeseman was married to Miss Ella Hunsinger and they have two children, Oscar and Margaret. Mr. Kaeseman gives his political support to the democratic party and his religious belief is indicated by membership in the Lutheran church. He is also an active member of the lodge of Modern Woodmen of America of Staunton. He possesses a pleasing address and good business judgment and, being governed by a worthy ambition to win an honored name for himself, there is scarcely a doubt that as the years pass he will be called upon to assume larger responsibilities. He is entirely straightforward in his business dealings and has thus earned the respect in which he is held by his associates.

HENRY F. BYCROFT.

Henry F. Bycroft, well known as a miller and grain man of Gillespie and also mayor of the city, is a native of England and is a highly creditable representative of thousands of ambitious young men, who have sought in America opportunities, denied them in the old countries. He was born September 15, 1851, a son of James and Catherine (Fenwick) Bycroft, both of whom spent their entire lives in England, the father being a farm laborer.

Mr. Bycroft of this review grew to manhood in the paternal home and acquired the rudiments of an education in the public schools. At the age of thirteen he was apprenticed to the miller's trade and, after completing his term of apprenticeship, worked at the trade in England until June, 1872. He was then almost twenty-one years of age and, having decided to seek his fortune beyond the seas, he went aboard a vessel and landed at Baltimore, Maryland, on the morning of July 4. He proceeded direct to St. Louis, Missouri; but conditions in the industrial world were then very unpromising and he had great difficulty in securing employment, being obliged to work at whatever he could find, as there appeared to be no demand for men in the trade, for which he had prepared himself. He had early learned the dignity of labor and did not hesitate to accept a position as street laborer. He also drove oxen for Judge Busbee of the criminal court and kept as busy as possible in such positions as he could find, until conditions changed. In the fall of 1873 he was employed in the large mills of Kehlor Brothers at St. Louis and gave evidence of an interest in his work and a capacity for responsibility, which was very pleasing to the officers in charge. After eight or nine years, having shown himself to be entirely competent in the various positions to which he had been advanced, he was placed in charge of the Union Flour Mills at St. Louis, which he superintended for four years. He then resigned to accept a similar position in a mill at Edwardsville, Illinois, for his former employers, Kehlor Brothers, at that point. He continued there until July 21, 1891, when, having decided to begin business on his own account, he came to Gillespie and leased the Gillespie Rolling Mills. Two years later he purchased the property and has since continu-

ously operated the mills. During these years he has made many improvements and has kept fully abreast of the times in his specialty, being now at the head of the leading industry of Gillespie. The name of the firm is widely and favorably known throughout this part of the country on account of the honorable business methods that it has followed. In 1900 Mr. Bycroft admitted to partnership his son, James E. Bycroft, who began assisting his father in 1893, and the title of the firm has since been H. F. Bycroft & Son.

On the 28th of June, 1877, at St. Louis, Mr. Bycroft was married to Miss Mary E. Dillon and three children were born to this union: James E., who is associated with his father in business; Gertrude C., who is at home; and Henry F. Jr., who is engaged in the livery business at Gillespie. Politically Mr. Bycroft has voted in support of the republican party ever since he cast his first ballot. He is now serving his fourth term as mayor of Gillespie, having been elected on the citizens' ticket each time. He also very acceptably filled the office of town treasurer for two terms. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Mutual Protective League of Decatur and has many friends in those organizations. Although reared in the Episcopal church he is in thorough sympathy with the Catholic church, his wife and children being members of that organization. It is a long step from the condition in which Mr. Bycroft found himself when he landed a stranger in St. Louis thirty-nine years ago with only five dollars in his pocket, which he was obliged to pay for his board, to the position he now holds as a leading citizen of one of the intelligent and progressive communities of Illinois. He owes his success to an indomitable spirit of perseverance that never yielded even in the face of the gravest obstacles, and to a worthy ambition to make a reputable name for himself in the country of his adoption. It is hardly necessary to add that no man in Macoupin county is more highly respected by his friends and acquaintances than the gentleman whose sketch is here presented.

JOHN R. WEYEN.

The name of Weyen is very favorably known in Macoupin county and represents industry, honesty and progressiveness, three elements which, when combined in one individual, enable him most invariably to accomplish worthy aims. John R. Weyen, whose name introduces this sketch, possesses the advantage of sturdy parentage and also of a good constitution and an ambition which has urged him to seek the highest degree of excellence in his chosen calling. As a result his farm is one of the most desirable of its size in the county and he ranks as a leader in agricultural and live stock circles. He was born on the farm where he now lives November 28, 1866, a son of Weye H. and Meta (Johnson) Weyen, extended mention of whom is made in another part of this work.

John R. Weyen is the youngest of a family of five children. He was reared at home and in the district schools possessed advantages of a good mental training, which has assisted him very materially in his work. He continued on the home farm after arriving at maturity and after the death of his father in 1889

he took complete charge of the place. It was willed to him by his father to pass into his possession after the death of the mother, which occurred November 25, 1910. The farm comprises three hundred and twenty acres of rich and highly productive land and is provided with every modern facility for agriculture and live stock raising. A beautiful residence occupies one of the most attractive sites and an air of order and prosperity prevails, which is evidence of the careful thought given to every department of the business. Mr. Weyen is up to date in his methods and ample harvests insure a liberal annual income.

On the 18th of May, 1893, he was married to Miss Hannah Cordum, a daughter of Henry Cordum, of Cahokia township. The father was born in Germany and was one of the early settlers of Macoupin county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Weyen are the parents of four children: W. H.; William, who is deceased; Alma; and Hilda. The three living children are now attending school.

Politically Mr. Weyen is an earnest supporter of the democratic party and, as he is a stanch friend of education, he is now serving as member of the school board. He and his family are identified with the Lutheran church. He is a man of sound business judgment, is an excellent manager and has from his boyhood been vitally interested in agricultural pursuits. A farmer by inheritance and taste, he has made wise use of his opportunities and the esteem in which he is held by those to whom he is best known is evidence of his personal worth.

H. A. FISCHER.

H. A. Fischer, who for a number of years past has very acceptably filled the office of postmaster of Staunton and is also a successful business man, is a native of this city. He comes of German stock and was born November 19, 1861, a son of Christopher and Anna Maria (Frank) Fischer. The father was born at Hasloch on the Rhine in Germany and learned the basket-making trade from his father, at which he worked for several years in his native town. Being ambitious to advance as rapidly as possible, he emigrated to America and located at Staunton, Illinois, when it was a pioneer settlement with only two or three houses. He engaged at his trade here and also was employed in the Staunton mill, and became a clerk in a store at this place. He began business upon his own account, which he managed so well that he became proprietor of a general store, which attracted a liberal patronage. He retired from business in 1871 and was succeeded by two of his sons, Adam and Paul, who are still conducting the business under the title of Fischer Brothers. The father died in 1904. The mother of our subject was also born on the Rhine river in Germany and is now living at Staunton, having reached the advanced age of eighty-six years. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Fischer were seven children: Frederick G., who is deceased; Adam, who is engaged in the mercantile business in Staunton; Anna, the widow of Bruno Hebenstreit, of Staunton; Paul H., who is also engaged in business at Staunton; H. A., of this review; Edward Joseph, who is the owner of a general store at Wamego, Kansas; and Mary, who married Ernest Weis, of Staunton.

In his youth Mr. Fischer acquired a fair education in the parochial schools. He continued at home until eighteen years of age and then entered a store in Staunton as clerk, a position which he held for eight years. He then became identified with the real-estate business, with which he has ever since been actively connected, and he is today one of the prominent real-estate holders of the city. In 1906 he was appointed by President Roosevelt as postmaster of Staunton and discharged his duties so acceptably that he was reappointed by President Taft. Through his efforts Staunton was selected as one of the first cities in Illinois for the location of a postal savings depository, and it has proven successful even beyond expectations. He has been very active in public affairs and for fourteen years served as city clerk.

On the 13th of April, 1887, Mr. Fischer was married to Miss Maggie Doyle, who is of Irish descent and was born in London, England. They have six children: Laura M., who assists her father in the real-estate business; Fanny C., assistant postmaster of Staunton; John H., who is a clerk in the postoffice; Christopher C., who is in the insurance business in this city; and Mary and Edward, both of whom are attending school.

Mr. Fischer has ever since he arrived at his majority given his support to the republican party. He was reared in the Lutheran church, and his wife is a member of the Catholic church. He is prominent in fraternal circles, being trustee of the lodge of Knights of Pythias at Staunton, clerk of the camp of Modern Woodmen of America for twenty years past and is also a trustee of the Royal Neighbors. As is indicated by his various responsibilities, he is an earnest and efficient worker and his influence is felt throughout the entire community. He ranks as one of the leading men of Staunton.

TONY H. SCHUETZ.

Tony H. Schuetz, whose home is on section 20, Hilyard township, is one of the respected farmers of Macoupin county—a man who has exemplified the qualities of industry, perseverance and good management. As a result his efforts have been rewarded, and he and his family enjoy the satisfaction afforded by a comfortable home, which is supplied with the conveniences and many of the elegancies of modern life. A native of this county, Mr. Schuetz was born June 8, 1872, being a son of George and Christina (Myers) Schuetz, the former of whom was born in France and the latter in Germany. The father learned the blacksmith's trade in his native land and at the age of twenty years, believing that America presented superior advantages for an ambitious young man, crossed the ocean to this country and took up his residence at St. Louis, Missouri. After working at his trade for a while in that city, he came to Macoupin county, Illinois, and turned his attention to farming, becoming the owner of land in Brighton township, where he established his homestead. Here he spent the remainder of his life. The mother of our subject is still living and has reached the advanced age of ninety years. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Schuetz were eight children, five of whom are now living besides the subject of this review, namely: George,

who makes his home on the old homestead near Brighton; Charles, who also lives upon the home place; John, who is engaged in farming near Plainview; Louise, who married James Cummings and makes her home in Missouri; and Rose, who is the wife of Charles Pillsbury, of Alton, Illinois.

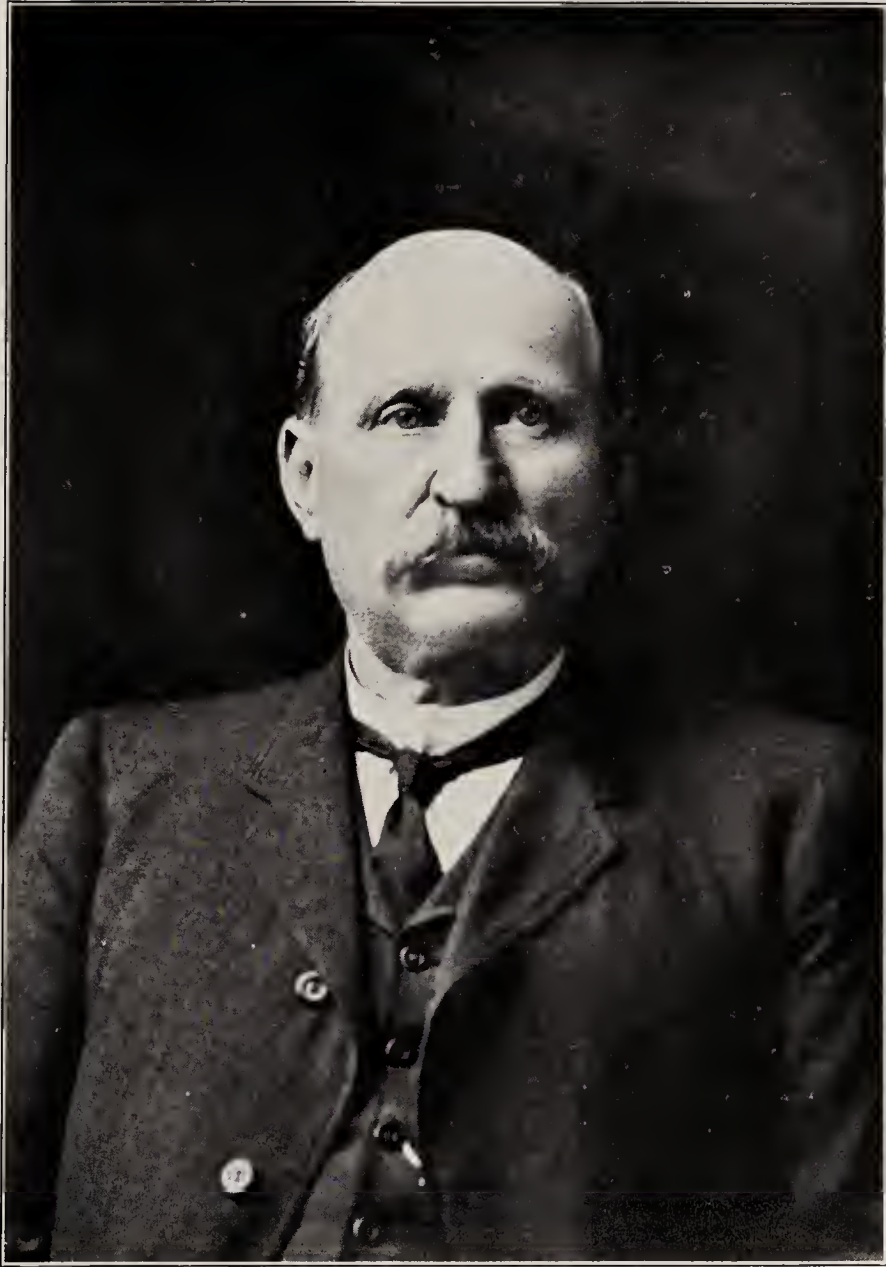
During his boyhood Tony H. Schuetz assisted upon the home farm, performing his share in the work about the house and in the fields. He received his preliminary education in the district schools of the neighborhood and after arriving at maturity began farming upon his own account. He is now well established on a good productive place in Hilyard township. He has made many excellent improvements upon his farm and as he is progressive in his methods and applies good judgment his efforts each year meet with deserved recompense. He raises cereals and also devotes considerable attention to cattle and hogs of good grade, which he delivers to the market in condition to command a fair price.

On the 16th of September, 1892, Mr. Schuetz was married, in this county, to Miss Laura Howerton, who was born in Macoupin county in 1872. She is a daughter of Robert and Sophia (King) Howerton, who settled in this county, where Mr. Howerton engaged in farming. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schuetz, all of whom are now living. Their names are Edna, Carl, Gladys, Myrtle, Arthur, Harold, Gilbert, Emma, Nellie and Reba.

As the head of a large family Mr. Schuetz has set an example of courage and steadfastness in all worthy undertakings, which is so essential in the accomplishment of any important work. He has been true to every obligation and straightforward in his dealings, thus acquiring a reputation for integrity which is of more value than great riches gained by questionable means. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order and also with Shipman Camp, No. 212, M. W. A., and the Royal Neighbors. In politics he is a stanch adherent of the democratic party.

JOHN O'NEIL.

John O'Neil, for the past four years superintendent of the Macoupin county poor farm, was born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, on the 31st of October, 1842, a son of John and Nancy (Klingman) O'Neil, natives of Ireland and Pennsylvania respectively. The father emigrated from the Emerald isle to the United States in his early manhood, locating in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, in 1832. There he engaged in railroad and canal contracting for eighteen years. In 1851, with his wife and family, he came to Illinois and during the first six months of his residence in this state resided in Peoria. At the expiration of that period he came to Carlinville to take a position on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, which was being put through here at that time. Upon its completion he became section foreman, continuing in that capacity until 1860, when he bought a farm north of Shipman, this county. He subsequently settled upon that place, continuing its operation until his demise on the 30th of June, 1879. His wife survived him until the 3rd of July, 1881.



JOHN O'NEIL

A lad of nine years when he left his native state, John O'Neil had already begun his education, which was further pursued in the common schools of Carlinville until he had attained the age of sixteen years. In 1858 he laid aside his studies and apprenticed himself to a blacksmith, in whose service he remained for three years. When the call came for troops in 1861 it aroused all of the young man's patriotism and loyalty to his native land, and he enlisted in Company C, Fourteenth Illinois Infantry, remaining at the front for three years and four months, at the expiration of which period he was honorably discharged. When mustered out he returned to Carlinville, where he followed his trade until 1868. He then removed to Pittsfield, Pike county, this state, where he established a blacksmith, wagon and carriage shop, that he conducted for twenty-one years. In 1889 he disposed of his business and entered political life, continuing to be identified with this for the ensuing six years. He subsequently opened a shop, following his trade there until 1901, when he removed to Girard, Macoupin county, and there followed the same business until December, 1902, when he again entered public life for four years, receiving his present appointment as superintendent of the poor farm in March, 1907.

On the 20th of October, 1866, Mr. O'Neil was united in marriage to Miss Kate Ford, a daughter of James and Nancy (Kerigan) Ford. Her parents were both natives of Ireland, whence they emigrated to the United States in 1850. They first located in St. Louis, Missouri, where the father followed various occupations, later settling in Carlinville in 1859. He was janitor of the courthouse for several years, continuing to make this his home until his death in 1893, at the venerable age of ninety-three years. His wife survived until 1897, being eighty-four when she passed away.

The religious affiliation of Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil is with the Roman Catholic church, of which they are both communicants. Politically he is a democrat and has always taken an active interest in all public affairs. While living in Pike county he served for four years as deputy county sheriff, following which he ran for county sheriff but was defeated, and for two years he was city marshal of Pittsfield. Upon his return to this county he entered political life, again serving for four years as sheriff's deputy. In 1906 he was a candidate for the office of sheriff but was defeated by one hundred and twenty-eight votes by his republican opponent. Mr. O'Neil is well qualified for his present duties, in the discharge of which he is meeting with general approval.

GEORGE A. PERRINGS.

There is no doubt that George A. Perrings, of Carlinville, has fighting blood in his veins. He is a son of a Civil war veteran and was a soldier himself in the Spanish-American war. He never shirks anything which he regards as his duty and thus he has developed a steadfastness of character which is one of the most important qualities any human being can possess.

He was born in Polk township March 19, 1870, a son of Charles and Ruby (Snell) Perrings, both of whom are natives of Jersey county, Illinois. The

father continued with his parents until he was twenty-six years of age and then enlisted in Company D, Thirty-third Illinois Infantry. He went to the front with his regiment and took part in many of the great battles and important engagements of the war. He was wounded at the battle of Vicksburg, but not seriously and continued in the army until the close of the Rebellion. He was married in his native county and engaged in farming on his own account there for one year, after which he came to Macoupin county and located on land in Polk township which he cleared and improved. He has been very successful in his calling and now owns two hundred acres, a large part of which is under a high state of cultivation. In his family were four children, three of whom survive.

George A. Perrings, the eldest of the living children of his parents, was reared in Macoupin county and attended the district schools until 1888, when he entered the public schools of Carlinville. Subsequently he attended the Western Normal College at Bushnell, Illinois, and after completing his studies at this institution returned home and assisted his father in various operations on the home place. In 1898 he offered his services to the government and was accepted as a member of Company I, Fifth Illinois Infantry, which was recruited for the Spanish-American war. He served for four months and seventeen days and proved an efficient and reliable soldier. After peace was declared he received an honorable discharge and engaged in farming in his native county.

He has from the time of reaching manhood been actively interested in public affairs and served for two years as township clerk of Polk township. He became a candidate for county coroner and made a spirited canvass, but was defeated by a narrow margin of five votes. In 1909 he gave up farming and engaged as a carpenter and bridge builder, a trade which he had learned earlier in life. In 1910 he was appointed deputy sheriff of the county, a position which he now holds. He is unmarried and makes his home at the Central Hotel. Fraternally he is identified with Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., of Springfield, and also with the Court of Honor. In politics he gives his support to the democratic party and his religious faith is indicated by membership in the Methodist church. Being a man of courage, energy and persistence, he has made a host of friends in the county, who have perfect faith in his ability to discharge most creditably any duty he undertakes to perform.

FRANKLIN S. SHULTZ.

Franklin S. Shultz, a well known and respected citizen of Shipman, has been successfully engaged for a number of years in the grain and elevator business. He is also identified with farming and banking interests and has shown an enterprise and ability which have produced substantial and gratifying returns. He was born at Petersburg, now known as Addison, in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, January 16, 1860, and is a descendant of one of the old and highly respected families of the Keystone state. His parents were Meshach and Charlotte

(Augustine) Shultz, both of whom were natives of Somerset county, the former of whom was born May 28, 1831, and the latter April 30, 1835.

Adam Shultz, grandfather of our subject on the paternal side, was born in Somerset county April 6, 1789. The first representative of the family came to America from Prussia about 1760, during the reign of Frederick the Great, when he was fifteen years of age, having been sent to this country by his parents. He spent the remainder of his life in Pennsylvania and reared a large family. Adam Shultz engaged in farming for a number of years in Somerset county, near the line of the state of Maryland. About 1837 he purchased a tract of one thousand acres or more at Grantsville, Maryland, and took up his home there. He built twelve or fourteen miles of the old National Road between Wheeling and Baltimore, his land lying along this noted highway. He became very prominent in that section, as were also other members of the family. He was twice married and by his first marriage four children were born, namely: Peter, now deceased, who was born July 19, 1812, and made his home in Garrett county, Maryland; Eliza, who married John Royer, of Garrett county, and died in 1910, being then in her ninety-seventh year; Lydia, who married a Mr. Wagner, of Michigan, and is deceased; and Judith, also deceased. The maiden name of the second wife of Mr. Shultz was Nancy Shockey and she was born in 1801. Fourteen children were born to this union: Matilda, who married Andrew Deahl, of Hickman, Nebraska, and is now deceased; Perry, who died of cholera in 1866 at St. Louis; Chauncey, now deceased, who was one of the prominent citizens of St. Louis, serving as county judge of St. Louis county about 1870 and also as sub-treasurer of the United States at St. Louis under President Cleveland's first administration; Bailey, now deceased, whose wife, Catharine (Shockey) Shultz, is now living at Shipman, Illinois, at the age of ninety-two years; Huldah, who married John Kite, of Shipman, and is also deceased; Alexander, who settled at Hutchinson, Kansas, and is now deceased; Meshach, the father of our subject; Mary Jane, now deceased, who married Andrew Arndt, of Maryland, and died in Shipman; Amanda, the wife of Rev. Isaac N. Augustine, of Grand Island, Nebraska; John A. J., now deceased, who was president of the Shultz Belting Company of St. Louis and of the St. Louis Manufacturers' Association; Van Buren, who made his home at Shipman, Illinois, and is also deceased; Sarah Ann, who became the wife of Samuel Brown, of Lexington, Missouri, and is now deceased; George M. D., now deceased, who was engaged in the real-estate business at Kansas City, Missouri; and Upton, who died at Denver, Colorado.

Nancy (Shockey) Shultz, the grandmother of our subject, was a daughter of Christian and Barbara Shockey and was a member of one of the old Pennsylvania Dutch families of Somerset county. Christian Shockey had six brothers and five sisters. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and participated most creditably in behalf of the patriot cause for six years and seven months, thus entitling his female descendants to membership in the Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. Catharine (Shockey) Shultz, widow of Bailey Shultz, was a niece of Christian Shockey and often conversed with him concerning the war. Notwithstanding her advanced age she is possessed of a mind that is still clear and active.

Meshach Shultz removed with his parents to Grantsville, Maryland, at the age of six years and as he grew to manhood assisted in his father's tannery and on the home farm. He was married to Charlotte Augustine March 20, 1853, and shortly afterwards began farming on his own account. Two years later he bought land, but disposed of his property shortly afterwards and purchased the tannery at Petersburg, Pennsylvania. He disposed of the tannery about 1861 and moved to Grantsville, Maryland, where he bought about two hundred and eighty acres of the old homestead and also engaged in the general merchandise business. He lived there until 1869 when he sold out and came west with his family, settling in Shipman township, Macoupin county, Illinois. He acquired two hundred and forty acres of good land in sections 23 and 24 and for twenty-two years applied himself with marked success to agriculture and stock-raising. In 1891 he moved to the village of Shipman and continued there until his death which occurred December 3, 1907. He was unusually prosperous as a farmer and business man and invested in farming property in this county, being the owner at one time of about six hundred acres, a large part of which he improved. He served as township supervisor four or five terms and also assisted in the promotion of important business enterprises, being one of the organizers and the first president of the Shipman Banking Company. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shultz: Marshall, who died at the age of four years; Alonzo Meshach, now living at Shipman; Nancy Jane, the wife of William A. Fischer, of St. Louis, Missouri; Franklin S., of this review; Cora May, who married Milton Dodson, of Jerseyville, Illinois; Herman Jacob, a resident of Shipman; Alice Charlotte, the wife of Chester Miller, of Carlinville; and Chesty Anna, who married Rev. Peter B. Fasold and is now deceased.

Charlotte (Augustine) Shultz is a daughter of Jacob F. R. and Jusdinah (Null) Augustine and a granddaughter of Frederick and Catharine (Myers) Augustine. The Augustine family has been prominent in Pennsylvania many years, Frederick Augustine having been at one time the owner of most of the land around Petersburg, Pennsylvania. Jacob F. R. Augustine died at the age of forty-one years from injuries received by being kicked by a horse. In his family were ten children: Elizabeth, who married William Starner, of St. Paul, Minnesota, and is now deceased; Isaac, who lives at Grand Island, Nebraska; Charlotte, who married Meshach Shultz; Rebecca, who became the wife of Michael Hoy, of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and is now deceased; Catharine, the wife of Andrew Kramer, of Somerset county; Joseph, who lives in Wisconsin, near St. Paul, Minnesota; Jacob L., of Grantsville, Maryland; Matilda, who married James Arndt, of Litchfield, Illinois, and is now deceased; Diana, the wife of Fred Gorman, who is engaged in the manufacture of tile in Oklahoma; and Cornelia, who married John Mitchell, of Moberly, Missouri.

Franklin S. Shultz, whose name introduces this sketch, came to Illinois with his parents at the age of nine years. He received his preliminary education in the public schools and later attended Carthage College at Carthage, Illinois. He continued to assist upon the home farm until twenty-three years of age and then began renting land upon his own account. At the age of twenty-five he went to Independence, Missouri, and entered the coal, ice and feed business with an uncle, George Shultz, continuing for four years in that place. He then sold out

and in December, 1888, went to Yuma, Arizona, and for two years engaged in the general store business. At the close of the time named he returned home and purchased a part of his father's farm which he cultivated from 1891 until 1904, devoting his attention especially to stock-feeding and dairy farming. Seven years ago he rented his farm and took up his residence in Shipman, buying out the grain elevator business of Joseph Dodson, which he conducted with marked success. He added a feed department to his business and built a large warehouse alongside of the elevator. He also purchased the C. H. Adams elevator at Medora in April, 1908, and ever since its incorporation has been a member of the board of directors of the Shipman Banking Company.

In June, 1885, Mr. Shultz was married to Miss Jessie Talley, a daughter of William Talley, of Shipman. Mrs. Shultz died in June, 1894, and in October, 1899, Mr. Shultz was again married, his second union being with Miss Maud Blankenship, a daughter of Charles S. and Sarah Blankenship, of Independence, Missouri. This union has been blessed by the birth of one child, Helen, who is living at home. The Blankenships are of English descent, the first representative of the family in America settling at Marion, Indiana. Charles S. Blankenship moved to Missouri in 1884 and engaged in building and contracting. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the call of President Lincoln and served for three years as a member of an Indiana cavalry regiment. In his family were four children: Florence, who married Clarence Davies, of the Chicago Title and Trust Company, and lives at Maywood, Illinois; Ida, who is the wife of Arthur N. Burke, senior member of the Burke-Nelson Engraving Company, of Kansas City, Missouri; Maud, who is now Mrs. Franklin S. Shultz; and Harry, a machinist of Kansas City, Missouri.

Fraternally Mr. Shultz is identified with the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America, and religiously he is connected with the Lutheran church of Shipman. He gives his support to the democratic party and has been an active worker in its behalf, having served as a member of the county central committee. He also very acceptably occupied the office of school director a number of years. He is a firm believer in the importance and efficacy of labor and is known as one of the most diligent business men in the community. His prosperity is the legitimate result of wisely applied effort and no one grudges him his good fortune as he has never sought to advance his personal interests to the injury of others.

ELMO ETTER.

A native of Macoupin county, Elmo Etter who is now serving as sheriff of the county, is well known throughout this section of the state and is recognized as one of its most reliable and progressive citizens. He was born on a farm in Western Mound township, August 21, 1875, a son of George and Mary C. (McCoy) Etter. The father was a native of Illinois and the mother of Missouri. In their family were four children: Elmo; Horace, who is now living on the old home place near Hettick; Myrtle, who is the wife of Otto Cummings, of

Blytheville, Arkansas; and Herbert, who is now engaged in the hardware business at Hettick.

The father of our subject has from his boyhood engaged in farming. He was born and reared near Palmyra, Illinois, and after reaching maturity purchased a farm in Western Mound township. He is now the owner of two hundred and forty acres of well improved land, making one of the valuable farms of the township. He has taken an active interest in local affairs and served as supervisor, assessor and in other township offices. Mrs. Etter died June 26, 1908, at the age of fifty-six years. She was a member of the Christian church and a woman of many estimable traits of character.

Henry Etter, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Anderson county, Tennessee, May 14, 1820. His father was also named Henry and was born in Wythe county, Virginia, in 1783. He was a hatter by trade and moved to Tennessee, where he engaged in the manufacture and sale of hats. In that state he was married to Elizabeth Parks, a native of Anderson county, and he followed his trade for several years in the county where his wife was born. In 1826 he came to Illinois with his wife and nine children, making the trip with a team of four horses and a wagon. He located in Greene county, eight miles east of Carrollton, where he entered eighty acres of government land at one dollar and a quarter per acre and erected a cabin of hickory logs. In 1836 he sold his place and settled in Macoupin county on a tract of land which he purchased in Western Mound township. Here he died in 1853. He was twice married and by his first marriage was the father of twelve children. The maiden name of his second wife was Betsy Griswold. His son Henry Etter, grandfather of our subject, was five years old when he came to Illinois. He made his home with his parents until his marriage, November 14, 1844, to Miss Asbereen Elizabeth Davidson, after which he purchased a tract of land in Western Mound township upon which there was a log cabin. They began housekeeping with very little furniture and, as they had no stove, his wife cooked for the family according to primitive methods before the fireplace. Subsequently he sold the farm and purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in South Palmyra township. He prospered as a farmer and acquired other property, thus being able to assist his children in securing homes. He died after reaching the age of eighty-five years, his wife passing away at the age of eighty-two. In their family were four sons: George, who married Mary C. McCoy; James, who married Julia F. Richie; Smith, who selected as his wife Julia F. Range; and Elijah, who wedded Kate Hulse. Mrs. Etter was born in Barren county, Kentucky, May 12, 1824, and was a granddaughter of Rev. John Davidson, a pioneer Baptist minister of Greene county, Illinois. Her father learned the gunsmith's trade which he followed until 1828 when he came to Illinois with his wife, Margaret (Wright) Davidson, and two children, locating in Greene county. The grandfather of our subject on the maternal side was James McCoy. He lived in Christian county, Missouri, and engaged in farming.

Elmo Etter was reared in Western Mound township and attended the district schools, later becoming a student of Blackburn University. He worked on the farm and taught school in the winter for seven years, at the same time continuing actively interested in local affairs. He served as township assessor for one year

and for six years as member of the board of supervisors, filling the office of chairman of the board for one year. He showed an ability in the discharge of important duties that gained for him an enviable reputation and in the fall of 1906 he was elected county treasurer, an office which he occupied to the general satisfaction of the people for four years. In November, 1910, he was elected by a handsome majority as sheriff of the county, a position which he now fills.

Politically Mr. Etter is an earnest supporter of the principles and candidates of the democratic party. He is well known in fraternal circles and is a valued member of Mount Nebo Lodge No. 76, A. F. & A. M., the Knights of Pythias, and the Modern Woodmen of America. His excellent record as a county officer is proof of his efficiency and of his ability to discharge important trusts. He is a man of strong force of character, good business discrimination, and one who is able to take advantage of opportunities which most men overlook. Mr. Etter is a valued citizen of a county noted for the intelligence and progressiveness of its people.

CHARLES W. SOAPES.

Charles W. Soapes, a member of the board of county supervisors of Macoupin county and one of the well established business men of Staunton, is a native of this county, his birth having occurred in Dorchester township, October 14, 1866. He is a son of William and Margaret (Cathern) Soapes, the former of whom was born in Kentucky. He came with his parents to Illinois when he was a boy, the family settling in Christian county. There he grew to manhood, after which he moved to Shelby county and in 1862 located in Dorchester township, Macoupin county. He engaged in farming until fifteen years ago, since which time he has resided at Staunton. The mother of our subject was born in Shelby county, Illinois, and was married to Mr. Soapes in her native county. She died at Staunton in 1905 and is buried in the Hand cemetery. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Soapes were six children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Henry, deceased; Anna, the wife of Thomas Landers, of Staunton; Charles W., of this sketch; and Eva, also deceased.

As Charles W. Soapes grew to manhood he assisted upon his father's farm and in the district schools of Dorchester township he received the rudiments of an education. He continued at home until twenty-two years of age and then began business upon his own account by opening a butcher shop at Bunker Hill. Later he came to Staunton and for six months worked at a coal shaft. At the end of this time he became clerk in the general store of H. A. Jones, of Staunton, and continued in that position for three years, during which time he gained a practical knowledge of business that has been of great advantage to him in conducting his own affairs. Ten years ago he entered the feed business with which he has ever since been connected. He erected a warehouse on the same grounds as his home, on Main street, and is at the head of one of the most flourishing feed stores in the city, many of his patrons being among the largest buyers of the community.

In 1900 Mr. Soapes was married to Miss Tillie Hiffmann, a native of Staunton, and they have three children, Ralph, Kenneth and Lorine. Mr. Soapes is not identified with any denomination but his wife is a valued member of the Lutheran church. He is prominently identified with the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, and in politics gives his support to the democratic party. He filled the office of highway commissioner for nine years and is now serving his second term as a member of the board of county supervisors, and has discharged his duties with a fidelity that meets the warm approval of taxpayers. Having early learned to depend upon himself, he developed a judgment that has greatly assisted in his advancement as a business man and also has proved of material benefit to him in other relations of life. A man of decision of character and knowledge gained by direct contact with the world, he is justly esteemed for his integrity and can claim a host of friends throughout this section.

ALBERT CAMPBELL CORR, M. D.

The symbolic letters which follow the name indicate the professional service to which Dr. Corr devoted his life, but the character of the man is perhaps best told in the words of one who wrote: "He was a Christian gentleman—a type of that pure and noble manhood that elevates and educates humanity to a higher station, and his life was spent in doing good and uplifting his fellow-beings to that higher, nobler and better elevation where God intended his children should be." Such was the man whose life record should call for more than passing attention from the readers of this volume. In it is much food for thought, indicating the possibilities for accomplishment in material things, in the intellectual world and in the higher realm of the spirit.

Dr. Corr was born in Honey Point township, Macoupin county, February 10, 1840. The ancestry of the family is traced back to England, although the paternal grandfather of Dr. Corr was a native of Virginia and lived in King and Queen county. His father, the Rev. Thomas Corr, was born in that county in 1800, but when quite a young man became a resident of Kentucky and when nineteen years of age was there married to Miss Preshea Wood, who died in Monroe, Iowa, October 9, 1888, at the age of eighty-six years. It was in 1834 that Rev. Thomas Corr, traveling by steamboat and wagon, came to Illinois, where he resided until called to the home beyond in 1852. He was the father of twelve children, three of whom served in the Civil war.

Primitive methods of instruction, such as were afforded in the pioneer log schoolhouses, gave Dr. Corr his early advantages, but not content with his mental training he himself made the plans for his further education. Farm work early became familiar to him and, when his elder brother at the outbreak of the Civil war enlisted, the development and cultivation of the farm largely devolved upon him. In 1863, however, he managed to enter upon a year's course of study in Blackburn University, from which at a later day he received his Master's degree. Patriotism supplanted all other dominant qualities in his nature. In May,



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1864, he joined Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-third Illinois Infantry, with which he served for four months, having to pay a farm hand twenty-one dollars per month, while he received but thirteen dollars. His brother Frank, being the elder, had claimed the privilege of going first to the field and had been killed in the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas. Three brothers of the family and two adopted brothers went to the front.

At the close of his military experience Dr. Corr assumed the management of the farm and at the same time utilized every possible moment for the study of medicine. In October, 1865, he entered Chicago Medical College for a three years' course of study and was graduated March 4, 1868, being the first physician in Macoupin county who had such an extended course of preparation. The same year in which he entered college Dr. Corr wedded Miss Lucinda Hall, who continued teaching school nearby that she might look after the interests of and care for his aged mother while he completed his medical studies. A sketch of her life appears below.

The professional services of Dr. Corr and his wife were perhaps the more effective because they were so closely related in other interests as well. He entered upon active practice at Chesterfield, where he remained for seven years, and then opened his office in Carlinville. At length the exposure of general practice undermined his health and this led him to prepare for a special work, and after five years' study at home he pursued post-graduate work in New York, Baltimore and Chicago. From 1886 until his death he devoted his time exclusively to treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and his skill in this delicate surgery gained for him a merited reputation far and wide. Gifted as a writer, he held the confidence of the medical world and lent valuable aid with his pen in the science of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat and their treatment, being a contributor to the best known medical and scientific journals of the country. Following his death the St. Louis Clinique said: "He was thoroughly devoted to his profession; and, while engaged in the special field, he was still in touch with modern medicine in almost all its branches. He could discuss with clearness almost any medical topic, and his remarks had an especially practical turn. He was a broad-minded, progressive, scientific physician; was liberal in his views, but at the same time an uncompromising foe to all forms of fraud and quackery. He had done much toward shaping medical legislation in his state and opposed the adoption of any measures not favorable to the protection of ignorant persons from the medical pretender." The East St. Louis Medical Society in its memorial paper concerning Dr. Corr said: "He was a most genial and versatile man. He was educated and skilled not only in his chosen specialty, but in the general profession and in matters of art, science and literature. Dr. Corr had faith in the medical profession and sought its dignity and elevation. He looked upon it as a sacred calling and indefinitely higher than a mere trade. The elevation of its standard was one of the main objects of his life. To this end he sacrificed every personal interest. He believed that medical organization was the best means to accomplish this end. He was an honored member and faithful attendant of numerous medical societies. He was frequently placed upon the most prominent committees and performed his work without a murmur. Probably not more than two or three men in the state of Illinois did

more for medical societies or were better known in the medical profession than Dr. Corr. His contributions to medical journals were numerous, of a high order and usually pertaining to the welfare of the profession. He was deeply interested in matters of public hygiene and wrote many able articles upon this subject. In all the relations of life he performed well his part."

Dr. Corr's contributions to medical literature were many and valuable. His publications include the following: State Medicine and Sanitation, (1890); Anomalies in Ophthalmic Practice, (1895); Medical Aspect of Crime—A Strong Plea for Moral Training, (1896); Little Things in Ophthalmology, Three Papers, (1891); Vision: Its Physical Defects and Mode of Correction, for Teachers, (1890); Trachoma of the Conjunctiva, Not a Disease of Its Own Kind, (1895); First Clinic Ever Given in East St. Louis, Illinois; A Case of Error of Refraction Complicated with Esophoria, Producing Persistent Asthenopia, (1890, July); Relations of Ophthalmology and Otology to General Medicine, (1901, July); Minor Diseases of Nose and Throat that Hinder Voice Culture, (1901); Choroiditis and Choroido-retinis in Young Persons, (1898); Specialism in Medicine: the Relations of the Specialist and General Practitioner, (1899); Advance in Ophthalmology and Otology, (1899); A Resume of Ophthalmology, (1900); Minute and Foreign Bodies Superficially Wounding the Eye, (1901); High Myopia, Operations for; Symptomatic Relations of the Eye in Derangements of the Nervous System, (1902); The Relations of Catarrhal Conditions of Nose and Nasal Ducts and Errors of Refraction to Corneal, Conjunctival Diseases. Question of Priority Incidentally Involved, (1898); Influence of Nasal Diseases Perpetuating Diseases of the Eye, (Illustrated) (1899); Cyclitis, (1899); Anisometropia, a Case Showing the Necessity of Some Objective Method of Determining Refraction, (Illustrated) (1902).

Dr. Corr was one of the promoters and charter members of the Macoupin County Medical Society, which was organized in 1873 and during the greater part of the time during the first decade of its existence he served as its secretary. In April, 1880, he was elected its president and in 1883 he prepared the decennial history to be used and during those years he had not missed a meeting and had contributed more papers than any other member. For more than thirty years he belonged to the Illinois State Medical Society and was its first delegate from Macoupin county. At Ottawa, in 1897, he was chosen its president and the same year was elected president of the Army and Navy Medical Society, which originated in the Illinois Medical Society. In 1893 by appointment of Governor Altgeld he was made a delegate to the Pan-American Medical Congress held in Washington, D. C., and later Governor Tanner made him a member of the Illinois State Board of Health, the governor having requested him to send in his name for appointment. He was then chosen president of the board, the interests of which were greatly promoted by his active and valuable service. He did much to secure legislation that would advance system among medical practitioners and prevent the whole body from having to bear the criticism that resulted from the acts of unscrupulous and unqualified officers.

Dr. Corr was editor of the eye and ear department for the Southern Illinois Journal of Medicine and Surgery, was a member of the local pension board of examiners of Montgomery and Macoupin counties for several years and later

was expert examiner of eye and ear for the Southern Illinois Pension Bureau, which position he was filling at the time of his death. He was also oculist on the staff of Henrietta Hospital in East St. Louis, and surgeon-oculist to the Air Line Railroad while in Carlinville and maintained a small private hospital at his home. His practical inventive genius was well marked. His schematic eye for use in practice and teaching with the ophthalmoscope is the best of its kind even for post-graduate teaching. It is natural size and has the motions and measures for the emmetropic, astigmatic and myopic globe.

In February, 1902, Dr. and Mrs. Corr went to Southern Florida for the benefit of his health, which had been failing for several years. The change did not prove availing, however, and on the 2d of April he passed away. Few funeral services had been as largely attended. In the line of march to the cemetery were representatives of the Macoupin Medical Society and delegates from the East St. Louis Medical Society, the Dan Messick Post, G. A. R., and the Modern Woodmen camp, of all of which Dr. Corr was a member. His professional relations extended beyond the local organizations and he was a very active member of the Southern Illinois Medical Association, its interests he did much to harmonize and was also made a member of the North Central Association. He belonged to the American Medical Association and was active in its ophthalmic section. His political faith was that of the republican party and he never regarded the obligations of citizenship lightly. He also belonged to the Methodist church and there was nothing narrow nor sectarian in his Christianity, but rather that great breadth of spirit which reaches out in sympathetic approval of and co-operation in all Christianizing influences of every denomination.

His fellow-members of the Modern Woodman camp wrote of him at his death: "He has gone in and out among us, faithful to all his vows, with a zeal for the welfare of the order and with a warm grasp of the hand and a word of cheer and sympathy for every neighbor in distress. He has lived an ideal life, exemplifying in a true, tender and loyal manner all that is best in the social, political and religious relations of man. As a friend of the poor and unfortunate, as one whose every motive was based upon a noble principle, as an admirer and friend of all who ever engaged in teaching the youth of our community lessons of wisdom, virtue and patriotism, he will be long remembered." One of his professional brethren said of him: "Dr. Corr was my friend and this means more than the usual term, for it tells the story of more than a quarter of a century. Beginning as a student and going on through the ups and down of a busy professional life, one unbroken chain of kindly, sympathetic good-fellowship. His qualities of mind and heart endeared him as a brother. To know him was always to know where to find him, true as steel." To Mrs. Corr, following the death of her husband, one who knew him well wrote: "He was a philanthropist in the truest sense of the word, his life being devoted to the elevating of his fellow-men. Lofty and noble in purpose, he was ever fearless in his defense of the right. He followed the light of truth and ever lived an upright, Christian gentleman. He was known best in his home life, as those who loved him most can testify. The beauty of his private character was ever uppermost there, and in the sanctuary of home was felt that personal magnetism which held the admiration of all. A generous friend, a devoted husband, he was honored in life as his

memory is revered in death." Such a spirit can never be lost to the world and must have stepped into a greater, more beautiful life when the door closed upon him, shutting him from mortal vision. But such a friend, so dear, so loyal, so great-hearted, can never be replaced to those who were intimately associated with him.

MRS. LUCINDA H. CORR, M. D.

The real value of an individual to his community or to his country is determined by his serviceableness—the extent of his activity as a direct or indirect factor in the world's progress and benefit. Judged by this standard Dr. Lucinda H. Corr well deserves to be numbered among the prominent and representative people of Macoupin county where in the practice of her profession her work has been of great benefit to her fellowmen while in other connections, too, the high standards of life which she has ever maintained in relation to the home and to intellectual and moral progress have had their direct effect upon the public welfare.

Dr. Corr was born in Carlinville, Illinois, March 9, 1844, a daughter of Oliver Wiley and Deborah (Redman) Hall, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Virginia. Her paternal grandparents were James and Mary (Walker) Hall, natives of North Carolina, and her great-grandfather was William Hall, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, who married a Miss Holland. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Lucinda Corr were John and Elizabeth (Fourth) Redman, the latter of German descent. Both Mr. and Mrs. Redman, however, were natives of Virginia and in that state their daughter, Mrs. Hall, was also born. She became the mother of Lucinda Hall Corr, who was reared in Carlinville and was educated in the public schools, after which she taught in the country and city schools. All through her student days she manifested special aptitude in her work so that she was able to take up the profession of teaching when but seventeen years of age, being first employed at Honey Point and afterward in Carlinville and other places. She was assistant principal in Carlinville when there were but three schools there, with a principal for each school, and at one time she taught in the Central Seminary in a building that, destroyed by fire, was the predecessor of the present brick structure. On the 20th of April, 1865, she gave her hand in marriage to Dr. A. C. Corr, who was then a medical student. She continued teaching school near her home that she might look after the interests of and care for the aged mother of her husband while he was completing his medical studies. After her graduation she formed a partnership with her husband and opened an office in her native town. With characteristic unselfishness and a noble lack of jealousy, Dr. A. C. Corr, her husband, entered into all her plans and it was his sympathy that upheld her in her work as, step by step, she climbed the ladder of success, bravely and heroically winning her way, until today she stands triumphant among the best physicians and surgeons in the state. A radical in medicine as in everything else, Dr. Corr keeps well abreast of the times and in her house poor, sick humanity can find all the modern



DR. LUCINDA H. CORR

inventions and discoveries for its relief and the skill and courage to us them. "Have your plans been successful?" a friend asked not long ago when meeting Dr. Corr after a few years' absence. "Plans," said the doctor; "plans, I never had any plans. These things just grew upon me. You know I love my home and to have my own family in it, but the need seemed so great for a place where sick women and children could come for treatment and care that gradually the house has been enlarged and patients have come and we have really a hospital without intending it." Dr. Corr is an enthusiast in her profession and though a delicate woman, has strength and courage to perform surgical operations, if the case demand, that would try the strength and nerve of the strongest man. It was not for ease that she chose this most laborious of the professions, but because in her generous sympathetic heart she thought she could do the most good in it; and the long list of those whom her care and skill have raised from beds of hopeless invalidism to health and strength proves her belief to be well founded. In her well-ordered hospital home everything runs smoothly under her guiding hands, while her Christian faith comforts and upholds "those who tarry for the coming of the angel who opens the way to the world whose portals we call death." Her cheery smile and sympathetic words bring strength and courage to those who await the slower coming of "One Who hath healing in His wings."

"While it is true," as the Book says, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine," it is also true that "lightest hearts have often heaviest mourning," but whatever Dr. Corr's personal sorrows may be they are closely locked in her own breast with the secrets and sins of her weaker sisters, and that she "hath learned of sorrow sorrow's cure," hosts of care-sick, sorrowing women can testify. The loving heart that underlies her terse words, either quizzical or severe as the case may be, is too plainly apparent to allow even the disordered imagination of an invalid to be wounded thereby. Of the tender motherliness that is a strong trait in her character, though, alas to her has come no mother's crown, but few who know only of her busy life as author and doctor would have the least idea; but the troop of wide-awake nieces and nephews who at different times have found a home under her roof can bear most loving witness to her maternal love and care. A younger sister found a mother in her, so also an orphaned girl and boy, the children of strangers. Both these girls are now happy wives and are mothers of children who are at once the torment and pride of their little foster grandmother. Of the ideal home life of the Drs. Corr how shall we speak? The tender companionship and mutual helpfulness that like pursuits have engendered between them is as unusual as it is beautiful. Few men are capable of such living. A gray turbaned son of Arabia would call Dr. A. C. Corr "a brother of girls," a title purer and sweeter far than any that graced a knight of the round table. To an on-looker there would seem to be so many and diverging interests in Dr. Corr's home that no one but a general could keep them separate and make all run smoothly, but the bright-faced little woman who sits at her ease in her rocking-chair, talking on all sorts of subjects between office calls, has them well in hand and finds time besides by word of tongue or pen to aid the nine different societies to which she belongs. Some are for the further advancement of women, others for the elevation of the world at large, but all for the bettering of poor

humanity and all dear to the doctor's heart. This is a tame picture of the first woman doctor in Macoupin county. To the true woman, tender wife and faithful friend this little sketch is but a feeble offering faintly portraying the love and veneration of her character that fills the hearts of

Frances P. Kimball, St. Paul, Minnesota,
Virginia D. Pearce, Meridian, Mississippi."

Throughout their married life Dr. Corr was the able assistant and oftentimes the inspiration of her husband in his labors. It has been said of them: "The home life of the doctor and his wife has had a golden thread reaching out from it to many families in this city. * * * Being deprived of children of their own, they were always reaching out to help the orphans and homeless, believing that the childless home and the homeless child should be brought together.

It was her husband's wish that she should study medicine that she might be still more closely associated with him in all of his interests, and after reading with him for a time in 1871 she entered the Woman's Hospital and Medical College of Chicago, from which she was graduated in 1874 with valedictorian honors. She afterward pursued post-graduate work in New York and Chicago hospitals and in 1874 began practicing in Carlinville, her native town, where she has followed her profession continuously since. Her husband, then practicing in Chester ville, joined her in Carlinville in March, 1875. Dr. Lucinda Corr continued in general practice until 1878, when the demand for her services in special lines made it necessary that she concentrate her entire attention upon the diseases of women, at which time she opened her home to receive invalids. She further prepared herself for this work at Bellevue Hospital and at the DeMilt Dispensary of New York city and has been very successful in the treatment of many difficult cases. She is the only physician in the county that has operated successfully for vesicle calculus, vesicovaginal fistula, trachelorrhaphy and perinaeorrhaphy.

Dr. Corr is the first woman of Macoupin county to graduate from a regular medical college. In attaining her present high professional standing she had many obstacles to contend against that would have discouraged and embittered a woman of less firm character and heroic mold. The chief of these was the prejudice against a woman's entering the professions, particularly that of medicine, as it was thought especially unfit for a lady, and none in this section of the state had ever before thought of defying public opinion on that point by preparing herself for its arduous duties. Her success has vindicated her right to choose her own walk in life and has done much to modify the sentiment that a woman is unsexed or less womanly because she enters a field of labor that in times past was considered man's exclusive dominion, if she attempted to practice the healing art in any other capacity than that of nurse or of wife, mother or sister in the privacy of home.

Dr. Corr has represented the county in state and national medical associations and was twice president of the Macoupin Medical Society of which she became a member in 1874 and of which she and her husband prepared a history called "Twenty Years of Medicine in Macoupin County, Illinois." She is serving her second year as vice president of the Carlinville Women's Club and has just

closed eighteen months' service as president of the Carlinville chapter of the American Women's League. She also belongs to Springfield Chapter, D. A. R.

Two warm friends of Dr. Lucinda Corr once wrote the following character sketch: "In personal appearance Dr. Corr is not at all the ideal strong-minded woman. Five feet tall, straight as an arrow, with plump girlish figure, notwithstanding her forty-seven years, with round, fair face, large, deep-set blue eyes overshadowed by heavy brows, a full forehead and a magnificent head of nut-brown hair four and a half feet long. Dr. Corr's mother was a woman of unusual strength of character, a Virginian by birth, conservative in her views, inflexible in principle, exclusive in habit, but sympathizing deeply with her girls in all their efforts towards intellectual advancement. From her the doctor inherited her sunny disposition and the courage that has enabled her always to stand bravely for her convictions. A typical western woman, Dr. Corr had advanced ideas on all subjects, even when a girl in years, and like many other girls in southern families rebelled against the advice of that clog to womanly progress, the Apostle Paul, and determined to know things for herself. Accordingly she fitted herself for teaching and when only seventeen years old taught her first country school. It was while teaching this school that she first met Albert C. Corr and began a friendship that ripened into a life-long love and resulted in an almost ideal married life. Dr. Albert C. Corr was then a student of medicine and together they read and discussed subjects beyond the range of most young people. The close of the school brought separation to the lovers. He went to Chicago to win his diploma, she home to teach and study and prepare herself for the keeping of the home they two should build. When Dr. A. C. Corr graduated from the medical department of Northwestern University in 1868 the young couple at once set up housekeeping in the Congregational parsonage at Chesterfield and the little home was furnished and the bright young bride settled down to sew on the doctor's buttons, listen to long stories from half-sick, often hysterical women and to make one dollar do the work of five. But in listening to these sad stories of sickness and discouragement the listener's tender heart was wrung and in thinking them over "the times seemed sadly out of joint." Was there nothing to be done to remedy the evils so constantly before her? Could not woman's insight and intuition better reach and help her sisters? So her thoughts turned to the study of medicine.

FREDERICK GUSTAV BURGDORFF.

A valuable farm of eighty acres in Bird township represents years of labor and wisely directed effort on the part of its fortunate owner, Frederick Gustav Burgdorff. Landing in America from a foreign country in his boyhood, he applied himself so successfully that he earned the money with which to buy a farm, and he now has the satisfaction of knowing that he is in a large measure financially independent for the remainder of his life. A native of Hanover, Germany, he was born May 11, 1870, a son of Ferdinand and Caroline Burgdorff, both of whom were born in Hanover. The father of our subject was a

farmer and learned the miller's trade. The grandfather on the paternal side was a miller and came to America, settling in Wisconsin, where he passed the remainder of his days. Ferdinand Burgdorff and his wife spent their entire lives in Germany. He served for a number of years in the German army and was a guard in the King's Regiment, being known as one of the most reliable soldiers of the regiment. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Burgdorff were the following children besides the subject of this review, namely: Charles, who is now living in Peoria, Illinois; Herman, who died in California; William, who died in Germany; Ferdinand, who served for three years in the German army and died in the old country; Mrs. Caroline Myer, of Carlinville; Annie, who lives at Athens, Menard county; Hermina, the wife of J. Frederick Lange, of Carlinville; Frederica, who married Fritz Huhs and resides in Germany; and Stoll, of Hanover, Germany.

In the public schools of his native land Frederick G. Burgdorff received the advantages of a preliminary education. In 1884, being then fourteen years of age, he went aboard a sailing vessel at Bremen and crossed the ocean to New York city. He came direct to Carlinville, Illinois, arriving at this place September 3d of the year named, and has ever since resided in Macoupin county. He found employment as a farm laborer and so continued for twelve years, at the end of which time he engaged in farming on his own account. After six years he purchased eighty acres of land on section 13, Bird township, where he established his home. He paid seventy-five dollars an acre for his farm, and it is now worth one hundred and fifty dollars per acre. In his work he has met with a gratifying measure of success. He is thoroughly familiar with the care and handling of live-stock and few men in the county can claim better judgment as to the value of farm animals. He is also a good agriculturist as is shown by the bountiful harvests which are gathered under his direction.

On February 22, 1897, Mr. Burgdorff was married at Carlinville to Miss Olga Kasten, who was born in South Otter township, August 13, 1869. She is a daughter of Christian and Christina (Meiher) Kasten, both of whom were born in Hanover, Germany. The parents emigrated to America, being accompanied by the grandfather of Mrs. Burgdorff on the maternal side, and settled in South Otter township, Macoupin county, Illinois, where the father engaged in farming. Subsequently he removed to Carlinville, where he spent the remainder of his life, but his wife is now living at Carlinville. In their family were nine children: Charles, who is engaged in farming in Kansas; William, who lives on a farm which he owns in South Otter township; Gustav, who lives in Carlinville and owns land in South Otter township; Albert, who also lives in Carlinville and owns land in Carlinville township; Emil, who is living on the home place in South Otter township; Matilda, the wife of Jacob Worner, of Missouri; Bertha, who married Grant Turk and lives in St. Louis, Missouri; Ida, who is at home with her mother; and Olga, now Mrs. Frederick G. Burgdorff. Mr. and Mrs. Burgdorff are the parents of three children, Irma, Albert and Olga, all of whom are living at home.

Religiously Mr. Burgdorff and his wife are both identified with the Evangelical church at Carlinville, in which he is now serving as a member of the board of directors; he is also a member of the Bankers Life Association of Des Moines.

A man of strong convictions and unsullied reputation, he has overcome many difficulties and now enjoys the reward of his early self denial. In his wife he has found a willing assistant and they have many warm friends in Macoupin county, who perceive in them the traits of loyalty and perseverance to worthy objects so necessary in the development of a noble and upright character.

GEORGE OSTERKAMP.

Among the wide-awake and progressive farmers of Honey Point township none is more deserving of success than George Osterkamp, who owns two hundred and eighty acres which he accumulated through his thrift and good management. He is a native of Hanover, Germany, a province that has furnished many of the most respected men in Illinois, and was born October 10, 1853, a son of Herman and Gertie (Schaeffer) Osterkamp. Grandfather John Osterkamp was a farmer and served in the French army in 1812. The father of Herman Osterkamp was born in the same house as the grandfather and after arriving at manhood he became a soldier in the German army. In 1864, desiring to seek more favorable conditions for his children, he went aboard a sailing vessel at Bremerhaven, with his wife and four sons, and landed at New York city, proceeding direct to Alton, Illinois. After engaging for five years in farming near Staunton, the land being in both Madison and Macoupin counties, he removed to Bond county, where he died in 1875, his wife having been called away four years previous.

George Osterkamp received his preliminary education in his native land and had no opportunity of attending school after arriving in America, as his services were needed in support of the family. He went to Bond county with his father and worked under him for one year, spending the following year as a farm hand in the same county. After working for two years in Madison county, he came to Macoupin county and continued to work for wages. After thirteen years of practical experience under other persons, he rented a farm in Cahokia township, but at the close of a year came to Honey Point township. In 1878 he purchased one hundred and twenty acres, upon which he took up his permanent residence in 1880. He now owns two hundred and eighty acres, one hundred and twenty of which are in Cahokia township. He has engaged in general farming and by good business management has secured very gratifying results. He has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and has added many modern improvements upon his farm. He is an energetic and successful business man and has taken an active part in promoting the welfare of this region.

On September 15, 1878, Mr. Osterkamp was married to Miss Mary Weyen, a daughter of Weye H. Weyen, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. To this union seven children have been born, namely: Weye, who is engaged in farming in Cahokia township; Gertie, the wife of Ernest Delaney, of Oklahoma; Mate, who married Othie Moore and now resides in New Mexico; and Herman, Emma, Frieda and George, all of whom are living at home.

In politics Mr. Osterkamp is a staunch supporter of the principles and candidates of the democratic party. He has served as a member of the board of road commissioners for the past sixteen or seventeen years and has also filled the offices of school treasurer and school trustee, displaying an ability in public affairs that has met the hearty approval of the people. He is a member of the Mutual Protective League of Montgomery county, and he and his family are identified with the Lutheran church, of which he is a trustee. In his boyhood Mr. Osterkamp was taught the value of labor and by denying himself as a young man he secured the foundation which enabled him to accumulate a competency, assuring him of abundance during the remainder of his life. His example of energy, industry and self-reliance is worthy of emulation by all who would accomplish noble aims.

WEYE H. WEYEN.

The life work of Weye H. Weyen, for many years a prominent farmer of Macoupin county, was brought to a termination by his death, March 15, 1889, and, judging by what he accomplished, it may truly be said that he was one of the remarkable men of the county. He demonstrated the possibilities awaiting in America for any ambitious and capable young man, who may be obliged to start at the bottom of the ladder, with scarcely a dollar in his pocket, and yet may reach the top. He was born in Hanover, Germany, October 20, 1820, and grew to manhood in his native land. He secured the foundation of an education in the public schools, but as his parents were in need of his services he was early obliged to leave school, to assist in the maintenance of his father's family.

In 1851, desiring more favorable opportunities than he saw about him, he went aboard a sailing vessel at Bremen and after a voyage of several weeks landed at New Orleans, Louisiana. He came by boat up the Mississippi river to Alton, Illinois, and began his active career in America as a farm hand in Madison county. Later his parents came to this country and located in Macoupin county, Illinois, where they spent the remainder of their lives. A year after reaching America Mr. Weyen was married, and found in his wife a most helpful and loving companion, a large measure of his success being due to her advice and encouragement. At the time of his marriage his total cash capital consisted of five dollars, but he set industriously to work, continuing in Madison county for thirteen years during a large part of which time he cultivated rented land. In 1865 he removed with his family to Macoupin county and purchased a farm on section 8, Cahokia township, where he established his homestead. He was a man of remarkable energy and perseverance, being also the possessor of unusual business ability, and he acquired more land until he became the owner of seven hundred and twenty acres and gained a reputation as one of the most successful farmers in this part of the state.

In 1852 Mr. Weyen was married in Madison county to Miss Meta Johnson, who was born in Hanover, Germany, February 17, 1827. She came to America on the same vessel with her future husband and spent the year preceding her

marriage at Alton, Illinois. Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Weyen five survive, namely: Heye, a business man of Bethalto, Illinois, who married Minnie Meiniecka and has three children, Willie, John and Mabel; Mary, who married George Osterkamp, of Honey Point township; Tase, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Tennie, who is the wife of John W. Schmidt, of Gillespie township; and John R., whose sketch is presented on another page of this work. The mother of these children died on November 25, 1910, having arrived at the advanced age of eighty-three years.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Weyen were identified during their entire lives with the Lutheran church, and politically he gave his support to the democratic party. Few more convincing examples of the power of well directed perseverance are to be found than that of Mr. Weyen. In the years when it was necessary he practiced self-denial, and the result was an abundance in later life. His record cannot fail to encourage the young man starting upon his own resources, who has the laudable desire to accomplish something worthy of the name. He was a man of deeds rather than of words and it is to such that the country must look for its true leaders.

JOHN N. COERVER.

John N. Coerver, a widely known jeweler of Staunton, was born January 9, 1869, in the same building in which he now carries on his business, and has been identified with commercial interests of this city ever since he reached manhood. He is a son of John and Matilda (Gardner) Coerver, the former of whom was born at Waterloo, Illinois. He was left an orphan at an early age and was reared in a kind-hearted family at Waterloo. He learned the barber's trade, which he followed on a passenger boat operating between St. Louis and Cairo. At the time of the Civil war he took up his residence at Staunton, where he conducted a barber shop and photograph gallery, continuing in those lines until his death, which occurred in 1899. He took great interest in public affairs and filled various offices of responsibility, being mayor of the city in 1899. He was a man of recognized ability and integrity, and was a devout member of the Catholic church. The mother of our subject was born in Staunton and is still living in this city. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Coerver were eight children, namely: Anna, who is deceased; John N., of this review; William, who is also deceased; Lena, who is the wife of William J. Krug, who is in partnership in the jewelry business with the subject of this sketch; Joseph, who also lives in this city; Otto M., who is deceased; Flora, who married August Emma, of Staunton; and Edward, who has also passed away.

In the public schools of this city John N. Coerver possessed good advantages of education, which he has improved greatly by reading and observation. Under his father he learned the barber's trade and also the photograph business and engaged in both lines for a number of years. Three years ago he entered the jewelry business and is now president of the Krug-While Company, which is

one of the flourishing concerns of Staunton. He is also financially interested in real estate at Evansville, Indiana.

In 1894 Mr. Coerver was married to Miss Catherine Helfrich, of Evansville, and they have had four children: Lucille, who is at home; Clarence, who is deceased; and Theresa and John, both of whom are at home.

In religious faith Mr. Coerver adheres to the Catholic church. He is a member of the Western Catholic Union and is a director of the Staunton Home Association. He has observed the advantages of education and is a stanch advocate of thorough practical mental training for the young, being at the present time a member of the school board. He has taken an active interest in public affairs and has served as tax collector and city treasurer, discharging his duties with a fidelity that met the warm approval of taxpayers. Successful in his business, he is now fairly launched upon what promises to be a long and useful career.

WILLIAM C. SEEHAUSEN.

William C. Seehausen, county clerk of Macoupin county and one of its most efficient and popular citizens, is a native of Illinois, born at Crete, Will county, March 18, 1859. He is a son of Christopher and Ellen (Hinz) Seehausen, both of whom were born at Kurhessen, Germany. Of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Seehausen six grew to maturity: Sophia, who is now the wife of James Forbes, of Michigan; William C., of this review; Ellen, who is living at Crete; Gustav C., also of Crete; Maria, who became the wife of August Schulz, of Chicago; and August H., also of Chicago.

The father of our subject was a shoemaker by trade. He came to America with his family in 1856 and located at Crete, where he engaged at his trade. He died in 1902, at the age of sixty-seven years. The mother is still living and makes her home at Crete. She is a member of the Lutheran church, as was also her husband. The grandfather of our subject on the paternal side, died in Germany when he was about sixty years old. He was a shoemaker. His wife came to America and died at Crete, after arriving at the age of ninety years. She was the mother of six children, Christopher, Heinrich, Herman, Maria, Sophia and Doris. The grandmother on the maternal side was a native of Germany and lived to be seventy-two years old. Three of her children came to America, Mrs. Conrad Rohe, Mrs. Henry Rohe and Mrs. Ellen Seehausen.

In the parochial and public schools of Crete William C. Seehausen secured good advantages of education, becoming proficient in both the German and English languages. He learned the shoemaker's trade and remained at Crete until twenty years of age, when he moved to Goodland, Indiana, continuing there from 1879 to 1883. He then came to Staunton, Illinois, where he successfully operated a shoe shop for fifteen years. In December, 1898, he located at Carlinville and was appointed deputy county clerk under Orin C. Hartley, a position which he held for four years, discharging his duties so acceptably that in the fall of 1902 he was elected to the office of county clerk. He was re-

elected to this office in 1906 and again in 1910 by increasing majorities. He is a man of accommodating disposition and, as he understands completely all the details relating to the position he now holds and always aims to perform his entire duty, it is doubtful whether his record has ever been excelled for efficiency in any public office of this county.

On the 22d of August, 1883, at Goodland, Indiana, Mr. Seehausen was married to Miss Elizabeth Hassett, a daughter of John and Nora Hassett, and to this union six children have been born, namely: Helen, who married Henry Herzberger, of Carlinville, and has two sons, Elmer and Milton; Laura, who is the wife of John W. Kessinger, of Carlinville; Walter, who married Flora M. Weiss and is serving as deputy county clerk under his father; Nora, who lives at home; and Minnie and Anna, both of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Seehausen was born at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Her parents were natives of Ireland and after coming to America settled first in Indiana but later moved to Milwaukee. After the birth of the daughter the family returned to Indiana and the mother is now living at Logansport, the father having died at Kentland. They had ten children, Elizabeth, Mamie, James, Kate, Charles, Emma, Leo, George, William and Anna.

Mr. and Mrs. Seehausen are faithful members of the Lutheran church and liberal supporters of that organization. Politically Mr. Seehausen adheres to the democratic party and is prominent in its councils in this county. He owes his advancement in life to unflagging industry and perseverance that has never bowed before defeat. He is a worthy representative of courage and zeal, backed by sturdy traits handed down by indomitable ancestors and wherever we find them we may expect solid and enduring worth.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN MOORE.

The office of county superintendent of schools is one of great importance, and fortunate are teachers and pupils when the place is filled by an individual who is in full sympathy with the public school system and amply qualified by education and experience for the responsibilities involved. The people of Macoupin county may truly be congratulated so far as the superintendent of schools is concerned, as the present incumbent is a man of large and practical experience, whose principal interest is centered in the schools. The fact that he is now serving a second term of four years is evidence of appreciation on the part of taxpayers.

Robert Christian Moore is a native of Carlinville township, Macoupin county, born August 4, 1870, a son of Thomas Guthrie and Sarah Ann (Villman) Moore. The father was born in Macoupin county and the mother in Ohio. In their family were six children, four of whom are now living: Robert Christian, of this review; M. Bessie, who is assistant county superintendent of schools; Nellie Isabel, the wife of Harry Bolinger, of Newton, Illinois; and George Wilbur, a mining engineer of Gillespie.

The father of our subject was reared in Carlinville township, and is still living there, having passed his entire life of seventy-three years on the same

farm. He has taken an active part in the promotion of the best interests of the township, and has served as supervisor and also as school trustee and school director. Mrs. Moore came to Macoupin county when she was about fifteen years of age, and she has spent fifty-five years in this county. She is a consistent member of the Methodist church. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Robert Moore. He was born in Kentucky and was a pioneer of Macoupin county, arriving in this section in an ox wagon when the country was still open and largely unoccupied. His wife was Elizabeth Williams. Her parents moved from Maryland to Virginia and then to Kentucky, where they spent the remainder of their lives. She was married to Mr. Moore in Kentucky. Her husband died from cholera in 1851, but she lived to an advanced age. In their family were five children: Thomas G.; James; Henry, who died in the Union army at the time of the Civil war; Martha; and Nancy. The great-grandfather of our subject was Thomas G. Moore, who married Edith Trent. The grandfather on the maternal side was Christian Villman, a native of Germany, his mother being of French parentage. He came to America and married Mary Fisher, who was born in Ohio. They arrived in Macoupin county in the early days, where he gained quite a reputation as a hunter. He started for Pikes Peak on a hunting expedition and was never heard of again. There were three children in his family, Joseph, Jacob and Sarah Ann.

Mr. Moore of this sketch was reared on his father's farm, four miles northeast of Carlinville, and in the district schools he secured his preliminary educational training. Later he attended the state normal school, and he has largely extended his knowledge by private study and observation. He taught school for three years in the rural districts, one year as assistant principal at Girard, two years as principal at Plainview, six years as principal at Palmyra, one year as principal at Manchester, and for three years served as city superintendent of schools at Staunton. The entire period of sixteen years was spent in Macoupin county except one year at Manchester. In 1903 he was awarded a state certificate, which is granted only to teachers of recognized standing and high scholarship. He was elected county superintendent of schools of Macoupin county in 1906, and discharged his duties so acceptably that he was reelected in 1910 and is now occupying the position.

On the 12th of July, 1894, Mr. Moore was married to Miss Pauline C. Werse, a daughter of Daniel and Dorothea (Lentz) Werse. Three children have been born to this union, Dorothy Ann, Paul Robert and Harold Guthrie. Mrs. Moore is a native of Carlinville and her parents were born in Germany. Her father is deceased, but her mother is still living. In their family were seven children, Annie, William, Minnie, Pauline, Zena, Edward and Theodore. Mrs. Werse had been previously married to a Mr. Hundredmark, and to this union three children were born, Dora, Mary and Henry.

Mrs. Moore is a stanch member of the Lutheran church. Fraternally Mr. Moore belongs to Staunton Lodge, No. 177, A. F. & A. M., and Macoupin Chapter, No. 95, R. A. M. He is also a member of the Eastern Star, Orient Lodge, No. 95, K. P., the Modern Woodmen of America and the Court of Honor. Although an adherent of the democratic party he is not strictly partisan, as his interest is centered in his life work. He served as township assessor one term in

Staunton township. From the beginning of his active career he has shown an energy and progressiveness that have been highly creditable; he also shows a knowledge of human nature which is an essential requisite of the successful teacher. As a school manager he has succeeded admirably, and today it would be difficult to find in Illinois a more capable or conscientious educator than the gentleman whose name introduces this review.

JOHN LOGAN CARTWRIGHT.

A farmer by birth and inclination, John Logan Cartwright is the owner of a beautiful place of one hundred and sixty acres in section 14, Honey Point township. He has just reason to be proud of his farm as it represents many years of application and assures him and his family of an ample income. His eyes first opened to the light in Montgomery county, Illinois, November 28, 1864, his parents being William P. and Nancy E. (Barton) Cartwright, the former of whom was of Scotch-American and the latter of Pennsylvania Dutch descent. The father was born at Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1832 and continued at home until sixteen years of age when he ran away and enlisted in the Mexican war. He served under General Winfield Scott and was taken ill in the field but persisted in remaining in the army until after peace was declared. He was a bridge carpenter by trade and at the time of the construction of the Big Four Railroad from Fort Wayne to Litchfield assisted in building the bridges and later in erecting the Big Four shops at Litchfield. He erected the first Baptist church in Litchfield, which is now being used as a shop by the Litchfield Marble and Granite Company. In 1863 he gave up railroad work and rented eighty acres of land four miles south of Litchfield. After two years he purchased eighty acres in section 15 of Honey Point township, Macoupin county, and cultivated this land to good advantage for ten years. He then traded his place as part payment for one hundred and sixty acres, which became the family homestead. He died February 8, 1876, but his wife survived for many years and was called away May 23, 1909. There were eight children in their family: Walter and William, deceased; Margaret, who is the wife of Edward Aikman, a coal miner and farmer of Spokane, Washington; Charles, proprietor of the Phoenix Hotel, of Phoenix, Arizona; John L.; Lawrence, a farmer and ranchman of Washington; Elmer, who is engaged in the real-estate business at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Carrie, who married William M. Bitter, a farmer living southwest of Litchfield.

John L. Cartwright was twelve years of age when his father died and for seven years following he assisted in the support of the family by working upon the home place and also by securing employment among farmers in the neighborhood. His early education was secured in the district schools. In 1883 he began renting land in his own name but two years later took charge of the homestead which he rented from the estate. As his brothers and sisters reached maturity he purchased their interests and since June, 1910, has been the owner of the farm. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock for the market

and the success which has rewarded his efforts entitles him to recognition as one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of the county.

On the 11th of March, 1903, Mr. Cartwright was married to Miss Catharine L. Walschleger, a daughter of Edward and Nancy N. (Snooks) Walschleger. Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright have two children: Lois, who was born January 11, 1906; and Lola, born May 4, 1909. Mr. Walschleger is a native of Germany while his wife was born in Cahokia township, Macoupin county, being of American descent. He came to the United States with his parents in his early boyhood, the family landing near New Orleans, subsequently taking up their home at St. Louis. At the age of eleven years he started out in the world on his own account and came to Macoupin county, Illinois, where he worked by the month until after arriving at his majority, when he began farming for himself. He was married to Miss Nancy M. Snooks in this county and they are now living on a valuable farm, of which he is the owner, on section 21, Honey Point township.

Mr. Cartwright is a progressive republican of the most pronounced type and believes that the party has within itself the ability necessary to carry forward the country to unprecedented prosperity. He and his wife are valued members of the Honey Point Baptist church. He is a stockholder in the Bank of Des Moines and fraternally is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America at Litchfield. He has from his boyhood been imbued with worthy ideals and has seen many of his hopes realized. He is fearless in the discharge of what he considers his duty and no man in the township possesses in a higher degree the confidence of the people. He represents the best type of citizenship and is, therefore, fully worthy of the success with which his efforts have been crowned.

ALONZO MESHACH SHULTZ.

For more than forty years the Shultz family has been identified with the agricultural and business interests of Macoupin county and has contributed its share toward the development of the material, moral and educational welfare of this section. Alonzo Meshach Shultz was for many years prominently interested in farming and dairying, but is now engaged in the lumber, implement and hardware business at Shipman, being the owner of one of the most flourishing concerns of the kind in the county. Born in Allegany county, Maryland, January 2, 1856, he is a son of Meshach and Charlotte (Augustine) Shultz, both of whom were natives of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, the father having been born May 28, 1831, and the mother April 30, 1835. The first member of the family in America came from Prussia about 1760, while Frederick the Great was upon the throne. He settled in Pennsylvania and there spent the remainder of his life. Adam Shultz, grandfather of our subject on the paternal side, was born in Somerset county, April 6, 1789. In 1837 he purchased a tract of one thousand acres or more at Grantsville, Maryland, and there established his home. He was one of the builders of the Old National Road and constructed twelve or fourteen miles of that celebrated highway, between Wheeling and



MRS. CHARLOTTE SHULTZ



MESHACH SHULTZ

Baltimore. He was twice married and by his first marriage was the father of four children: Peter, who was born July 19, 1812, and died in Garrett county, Maryland; Eliza, who married John Royer of Garrett county, and died in 1910, in the ninety-seventh year of her age; Lydia, who became the wife of a Mr. Wagner, of Michigan, and is deceased; and Judith, who is also deceased. The second wife of Mr. Shultz was Nancy Shockey, who was born in 1801 and became the mother of fourteen children, namely: Matilda, who became the wife of Andrew Deahl, of Hickman, Nebraska, and is now deceased; Perry, who died of cholera at St. Louis, in 1866; Chauncey, who served as county judge of St. Louis county and as sub-treasurer of the United States at St. Louis under President Cleveland's first administration and is now deceased; Bailey, also deceased, whose wife, Catharine Shockey Shultz, is now living at Shipman at the age of ninety-two years; Huldah, who married John Kite, of Shipman, and is deceased; Alexander, who lived at Hutchinson, Kansas, and is now deceased; Meshach, the father of our subject; Mary Jane, who married Andrew Arndt, of Maryland, and is deceased; Amanda, the wife of Rev. Isaac N. Augustine, of Grand Island, Nebraska; John A. J., formerly a prominent man of St. Louis, Missouri, now deceased; Van Buren, who lived at Shipman, Illinois, and is also deceased; Sarah Ann, who married Samuel Brown, of Lexington, Missouri, and is deceased; George M. D., who is now a real-estate man of Kansas City, Missouri; and Upton, who located at Denver, Colorado, and is now deceased. The grandmother of our subject, Nancy (Shockey) Shultz, was a daughter of Christian and Barbara Shockey and a member of an old Pennsylvania Dutch family of Somerset county. Her father served for six years and seven months in the Revolutionary war.

Meshach Shultz, father of our subject, grew to manhood at Grantsville, Maryland. He was married to Charlotte Augustine March 20, 1853, and soon afterwards engaged in farming on his own account. He later operated the tannery at Petersburg, Pennsylvania, but in 1861 disposed of his tannery and purchased two hundred and eighty acres of the old family homestead at Grantsville, also engaging in the general mercantile business. In 1869 he disposed of his property and came with his family to Shipman township, Macoupin county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming. He was the owner of two hundred and forty acres of land on sections 23 and 24, also acquiring other property in the county. He was one of the organizers and the first president of the Shipman Banking Company, and in 1891 removed to Shipman, where he died December 3, 1907. Charlotte (Augustine) Shultz is a daughter of Jacob F. R. and Justinah (Null) Augustine and a granddaughter of Frederick and Catharine (Myers) Augustine. Frederick Augustine was one of the wealthy men of Pennsylvania and was the owner of a large body of land around Petersburg, Pennsylvania. Jacob F. R. Augustine died at the age of forty-one years from injuries received by being kicked by a horse. He was the father of ten children: Elizabeth, who married William Starner, of St. Paul, Minnesota, and is now deceased; Isaac, who lives at Grand Island, Nebraska; Charlotte, who became the wife of Meshach Shultz; Rebecca, who married Michael Hoy, of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and is now deceased; Catharine, the wife of Andrew Kramer, of Somerset county; Joseph, of Wisconsin; Jacob L., a resident of

Grantsville, Maryland; Matilda, who became the wife of James Arndt, of Litchfield, Illinois, and is now deceased; Diana, who married Fred Gorman, of Oklahoma; and Cornelia, the wife of John Mitchell, of Moberly, Missouri. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shultz, namely: Marshall, who died at the age of four years; Alonzo Meshach, of this review; Nancy Jane, who married William A. Fischer, of St. Louis, Missouri; Franklin S., record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Cora May, who is the wife of Milton Dodson, of Jerseyville, Illinois; Herman Jacob, a resident of Shipman; Alice Lotta, the wife of Chester Miller, of Carlinville; and Chesty Anna, who married Rev. Peter B. Fasold and is now deceased.

Alonzo Meshach Shultz was educated in the public schools of Grantsville, Maryland, and continued his studies in the district schools of Shipman township after arriving in Illinois. He assisted his father upon the home farm until about twenty-four years of age when he was married and for two years after that event engaged in the milling business with his father and Joseph Dodson. In 1881 the title of the firm was changed to Shultz & Fischer. After another year Mr. Shultz sold out and purchased two hundred and forty acres of land on sections 11 and 12 of Shipman township, upon which he took up his residence. This land was mostly unimproved. He cleared away the timber and brush, erected a comfortable residence and other buildings, and developed his place into one of the highly improved farms of the section. He also purchased eighty-eight acres adjoining and engaged very extensively in the dairy business. He maintained fifty to seventy milch cows of the Holstein breed and was one of the largest dairymen in Macoupin county. His success was recognized by his brethren in the same line of business and he served for four years as vice president of the Illinois and Missouri Dairymen's Association. In 1910 he disposed of his farm and purchased the lumber business of James D. Metcalf, of Shipman, taking possession August 4, 1910. He has added very largely to the lumber stock, which is all under cover, and also engages on a large scale in selling implements, builders' hardware and machinery.

On July 12, 1879, Mr. Shultz was married to Miss Margaret Mitchell, a daughter of William Mitchell, of Medora, Illinois. Four children were born to this union: Lottie May, who married Walter French, a farmer who lives near Shipman; Florence, who is living at home; Orville, a farmer of Shipman township, who married Zona Archer and has one child; and Ada, who is also at home.

William Mitchell was born in North Carolina and removed to Missouri about 1840, locating about twenty miles north of Kansas City where he operated a wagon and blacksmith shop. He entered the Union army at the time of the Civil war but was captured by the enemy and forced into the Confederate army. He was recaptured by the Union forces and after the war removed with his family to Rockbridge, Greene county, Illinois. About 1872 he moved to Medora, being still engaged in the blacksmith and wagon-making business. In 1886 he took up his residence at Hickman, Nebraska, and died there two years later. In his family were six children: Wilmina, who married J. A. Quick, of Shipman, and is deceased; Otis Mitchell, who is living at Shipman; Margaret, who became the wife of Alonzo Meshach Shultz; Hallie, who is the wife of

George Deahl, of San Francisco, California; Catharine, who is married and lives in Tennessee; and Arthur, a resident of Shipman, Illinois. Mrs. Margaret Shultz died from heart failure, July 17, 1891, and on July 20, 1892, Mr. Shultz was married to Miss Belle Utt, a daughter of Napoleon Utt, who settled with his family in Illinois from Ohio in pioneer days. A record of the Utt family appears elsewhere in this work, in the sketch of E. J. Black. By his second marriage Mr. Shultz became the father of two children: Otis, who died in infancy; and Bertha, who is living at home.

Fraternally Mr. Shultz is a member of Shipman Lodge, No. 212, A. F. & A. M., and also of the Modern Woodmen of America. Religiously he is identified with the Evangelical Lutheran church of Shipman and is serving as deacon in that organization. Ever since arriving at manhood he has given his support to the democratic party of whose principles he is an earnest advocate. In the course of an active and useful life he has enjoyed and merited the confidence and good will of his fellow men. He has been loyal to the interests of the community and has effectively performed his part in promoting the general welfare. He possesses in a marked degree the confidence of his associates and is thoroughly qualified by experience and ability to conduct successfully the important business of which he is the head.

JOHN STADLER.

As a merchant of Carlinville for the past twenty-nine years the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this review is well known. He is recognized as a substantial and trustworthy citizen, who by conscientious application to his business has earned the regard of the entire community. He comes of good German stock and was born on a farm near Mascoutah in St. Clair county, Illinois, April 26, 1850, a son of Jacob and Dorothea (Ball) Stadler. The parents were both natives of the kingdom of Bavaria, Germany, and in their family were six sons and five daughters, seven of whom survive: John, of this review, Philip, who is living in Los Angeles, California; Jacob, of Carlinville; George, who now resides at the old homestead in Carlinville township; Katharina, the wife of Henry Bartels, of Texas; Mary, who married Jacob Ring, of Morrisonville, Illinois; and Anna, who became the wife of Fred Stensell, also of Morrisonville.

Jacob Stadler, the father of our subject, was reared in his native land and came to America in 1849, taking up his residence in St. Clair county, Illinois. When he reached his destination among strangers he had three dollars and fifty cents in his pocket but secured employment as driver of an ox team and in a few years became one of the thrifty farmers of the county. He moved to Macoupin county in 1867 and located in Carlinville township, where he owned two hundred and eighty acres of land under cultivation and eighty acres in timber. He died in 1906, being then nearly eighty-two years of age. His wife died in December, 1905, also having nearly reached the eighty-second year of her age. Mr. Stadler was a member of the Lutheran church but his wife was a Catholic. He paid for a substitute at the time of the Civil war. The grandfather

of our subject on the paternal side was Anthony Stadler, who was a farmer in Germany and lived to the age of eighty-seven years. He had two children: Jacob; and Philip, who came to this country and is now living near Madison, Monroe county, Missouri. The grandfather on the maternal side was Franz Ball, also a farmer of Germany. He died at the age of forty-five and in his family were two daughters, Dorothea and Mary Ann.

John Stadler passed the first seventeen years of his life in St. Clair county and received the principal part of his education in the public schools of that county. He came to Macoupin county in 1867 and has ever since lived in this county except eight years which he spent in Christian county. He remained at home until twenty and one-half years old, when he began working for wages and banked out coal as top man of the mining shaft in Carlinville, his father-in-law, Henry Bartels, Sr., owning the mine. He also engaged as a miner and was identified with the mining interests for eleven years. He then entered the liquor business but after three years sold out and since 1882 has been successfully engaged in the mercantile business.

In September, 1870, Mr. Stadler was married to Miss Dorothea Bartels, a daughter of Henry and Minnie (Lereke) Bartels. There were four children born to this union, two of whom died in infancy, the others being Minnie and John J. Minnie married Henry Stratton and they had one daughter, Ella. She was again married, her second union being with William Grunder. They are now living on a farm near New Holland, Illinois. John J. was married to Flora Swank and they are now making their home at Los Angeles, California. They have one daughter, Anita. Mrs. Dorothea Stadler died in 1880, at the age of thirty years, and two years later Mr. Stadler was married to Fredericka Bartels, a cousin of his first wife and a daughter of Christian Bartels, whose wife was a Miss Sohns. There were six children by this marriage, three of whom are now living: Esther E., who became the wife of H. W. Turney, of Decatur, Illinois; Ruth, who lives with her sister Esther; and Elmer E., a carpenter of Carlinville. Mrs. Fredericka Stadler died in 1905, having reached the age of fifty-six years, and on the 7th of February, 1907, Mr. Stadler was married to Mrs. Delia L. Stowe, the widow of Ransom P. Stowe and a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth H. (Cobb) Van Pelt. Mrs. Delia Stadler was born in Perry, Pike county, Illinois, September 10, 1865. Her father was born in Lexington, Kentucky, and her mother in New York state. They were early settlers of Pike county, Illinois, the father arriving there when he was only seven years of age. He died at Bedford, Illinois, at the age of fifty-four and the mother at Springfield, when she was sixty-nine years old. They had eleven children, six of whom are now living: Lutitia, who is the wife of P. C. Hornback; Minnie, the wife of George Belden; Delia L., now Mrs. John Stadler; Harvey L. and Leon L., both of Springfield, Illinois; and Olive, who is the wife of I. W. Morgan, of Flora, Illinois. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Stadler was William Henry Van Pelt, who married Lutitia Foley, and the grandfather on the maternal side was Philanthropy Cobb, whose wife died young.

Mr. Stadler is a firm believer in the Bible and is a member of the Baptist church, while his wife holds membership in the Christian church. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. Ever since arriving at

maturity he has been a supporter of the democratic party and, although he has not sought public office, he served for seven years as township clerk. He has for many years been an important factor in business circles of Carlinville and his influence has ever been directed for the good of the community. He and his wife have many friends whom they have attracted by qualities of usefulness and unselfishness.

ADAM FISCHER.

An experience of twenty-eight years in the general mercantile business has given Adam Fischer of Staunton a thorough knowledge of business affairs, and also an acquaintance with human nature which cannot be learned from books. He has been successful financially and is known as one of the leading merchants of Macoupin county. A native of Staunton, he was born June 24, 1853, being a son of Christopher and Anna Maria (Frank) Fischer. The father was born in Hasloch, Germany, and learned the basketmaker's trade in the old country under his father, who was an expert in that line. He engaged at his trade in Germany, but, having decided that more favorable opportunities were presented in the new world, he emigrated to America and arrived at Staunton, Illinois, when the town consisted of only two or three houses. Here he engaged in basketmaking and at such other work as he could find. He was employed in the Staunton mill and later secured a position as clerk in a store at Staunton, but was obliged to give up this position on account of failing health. He began business on his own account with a small stock of groceries, and applied himself with such diligence that he became the owner of a general store. He retired from business in 1883 and died in 1904. The mother of our subject was also born in Germany and is still living in Staunton, having arrived at the age of eighty-six years. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Fischer were seven children: Frederick G., who is deceased; Adam, of this review; Anna, who is the widow of Bruno Hebenstreit, of Staunton; Paul H., who is engaged in business with his brother Adam; H. A., postmaster of Staunton, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Edward Joseph, who owns a general store at Wamego, Kansas; and Mary, who is the wife of Ernest Weis, of Staunton.

Adam Fischer attended the parochial schools of Staunton, where he secured the foundation of a good education. He remained at home until twenty years of age and then began learning the cooper's trade, which he followed in various parts of the country, also engaging in other occupations. On May 22, 1883, he and his brother Paul took charge of the business at Staunton which their father had founded and developed it upon an extensive scale. The firm is known as Fischer Brothers and carries a large and well selected stock of general merchandise, being one of the most flourishing business establishments in Macoupin county.

In 1874 Mr. Fischer was married to Miss Minnie Maxe, a native of Staunton, and they have nine children: Hannah, who is the wife of G. E. Fritz, of Staunton, and has nine children; Emil, who is deceased; Lydia, who became the wife of Adolph Weis, of Staunton; Nellie and Ella, who are assisting in the store;

Della, Walter and Minnie, all of whom are deceased ; and Esther, who also assists in the store.

In religious belief Mr. Fischer is in hearty sympathy with the Lutheran church, of which he and his family are members. He gives his support to the republican party, the principles of which he regards as highly important for the perpetuity of the republic. He has never sought public office but has given his undivided attention to his business, and the success he has attained is convincing evidence of his ability. By thrift, energy and good judgment he has accumulated a fortune, and it is gratifying to know that his success has been won in legitimate channels and through perfectly honorable methods.

GEORGE W. RHOADS.

George W. Rhoads, a native of Shipman township and for many years past the owner of a valuable farm in Bird township, was born December 26, 1855, and has made his home in Macoupin county for over fifty-five years. He is a son of John D. and Mary E. (Jolly) Rhoads, both of whom were born in Grayson county, Kentucky. The father came to Macoupin county, Illinois, with his parents at five years of age, in 1831, and the grandfather of our subject, Jacob V. Rhoads, entered over four hundred acres of land in the southern part of Macoupin county and across the line in Jersey county. Jacob V. Rhoads was born in Pennsylvania but removed in his boyhood to Kentucky. After coming to this state he kept a country inn where he extended to many travelers a cordial welcome. He was a pioneer preacher of the Baptist church and was widely known throughout this part of the state. He died on the old homestead near Medora, after arriving at the age of seventy-eight years. Samuel Rhoads, one of his brothers, was a soldier in the war of 1812. The father of our subject was a Baptist minister and preached in many places in Macoupin county. His death occurred at the age of seventy-three. There were eight children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Rhoads, six of whom are living, namely: Margaret J., who married Thomas W. Stover, and resides in Medora; Ellen, who is the wife of Granville G. Reno, a member of the board of supervisors, and also resides at Medora; George W., of this review; Stroud K., who is engaged in farming east of Brighton; Willis M., who lives on the old home place in Shipman township; and Jacob D., who resides on a farm near Ansley, Nebraska.

Mr. Rhoads, whose name introduces this sketch, attended the district schools of Shipman township and early showed an interest in farming which indicated agriculture and stock-raising to be his natural pursuits. As he grew to manhood he assisted his father upon the home place and twenty-eight years ago purchased the farm upon which he has since lived. Through his application and good management he has made it highly productive. His life has been a busy and useful one and the success that has come to him is the reward of unremitting diligence.

On October 10, 1880, Mr. Rhoads was married to Miss Celia C. Chism, who was born near Medora, October 31, 1856, a daughter of John and Ellen (Skeen) Chism. The father was born in Grayson county, Kentucky, and the mother in

Tennessee, the Rhoads and Chism families being neighbors. Mr. Chism came with his family to Macoupin county, Illinois, in 1831, and entered government land in Chesterfield township where he spent the remainder of his life. The mother still survives, having reached the age of eighty-six years, and is living on the home place one and one-half miles north of Medora. William Chism, the grandfather of Mrs. Rhoads, was a farmer and also an innkeeper. Of the twelve children born to Mr. and Mrs. Chism ten are now living, namely: William and James, both residents of Medora; Adelaide, who is the wife of John Stotler, a farmer who lives east of Medora; Celia C., now Mrs. George W. Rhoads; Rachel E., who married Ira Ketchum and resides in Polk township; Susan, the wife of M. C. Beavers, of Bird township; Emma, who married Gardner Rhine and resides near Medora; Catherine, the wife of Rolla Rhine, of Jerseyville; Clara, who married F. O. Brown, a resident of Bird township; and John, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Rhoads are the parents of three children: Pearl L., a resident of Portland, Oregon; and Earl E. and Ethel, both of whom are at home.

Mr. Rhoads and his family are actively identified with the Charity Baptist church. He holds membership in Lodge No. 107, I. O. O. F., of Carlinville, and also in Lodge No. 125, M. W. A., of the same place, being, moreover, connected with the Protective League and the Court of Honor. He is a supporter of the republican party and has served as highway commissioner for two terms and as supervisor of the township for one term. He filled the office of school director for twelve years and is now treasurer of the township. In his business he has always aimed to meet obligations faithfully and in all his dealings he has been straightforward and just. His success may be attributed to capable management and close application and he clearly belongs among the representative citizens of Macoupin county.

JAMES E. BYCROFT.

James E. Bycroft, junior member of the widely known milling firm of H. F. Bycroft & Son, was born in St. Louis, March 28, 1878. He is a son of Henry F. and Mary E. (Dillon) Bycroft, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He grew to maturity under the parental roof and up to thirteen years of age possessed advantages of education in the public schools of Litchfield. In 1891 he came with his parents to Gillespie and attended school for one month in this city. He then became associated with the business of which his father is the head, beginning at the foot of the ladder as driver of a delivery wagon. After several years he entered the office of the firm and in 1900, having mastered the details of the business, was admitted to partnership under the title of H. F. Bycroft & Son. He has ever since had charge of the office, displaying a discrimination and ability that give bright promise as to his future.

On the 27th of April, 1909, Mr. Bycroft was married, at Gillespie, to Miss Alice M. Poivey, whose father, Modeste Poivey, was born in France. He was one of the early miners of this section and is now deceased. One child, James Fenwick, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bycroft.

Politically Mr. Bycroft has followed in the footsteps of his father and adheres to the republican party. He served two terms as city treasurer, being elected in 1901 and reelected in 1905. He also filled the office of clerk of the school board from 1905 to 1908 and is at the present time chief of the volunteer fire department of Gillespie, a position which he has occupied most efficiently for the past ten years. He is a member of Black Gum Camp, No. 959, M. W. A., and has served as clerk of the camp for eight years past, being also identified with Carlinville Council, No. 663, K. C. He and his estimable wife are valued members of the Catholic church. As is indicated by his many activities, Mr. Bycroft is an earnest and efficient worker in anything he undertakes, and he is recognized as a man of unimpeachable character and sterling worth, who is willing to make any reasonable sacrifice in order to promote the comfort or happiness of those with whom he is associated.

CHARLES HIBBERT METCALF.

Charles Hibbert Metcalf, one of the public-spirited citizens of Girard, was for many years actively identified with the commercial interests of the town, but is now living retired. A native of Illinois, he was born in Greene county on the 12th of October, 1855, and is a son of James D. and Brunette (Mason) Metcalf, both natives of Kentucky, as were also his grandfathers, William Metcalf and Dr. George B. Mason. In 1856 James D. Metcalf brought his wife and family to Macoupin county and located in Girard, where he first engaged in the drug business, but later conducted a grocery store. In the latter business he was in partnership with Mr. Savage for a time and subsequently with Mr. Bellamy. On disposing of his interest in the grocery store he turned his attention to the lumber business as a member of the firm of Andrews, MacKnett & Metcalf, but his last years were devoted to banking, conducting what was then known as the Girard Bank, but now the State Bank of Girard. His demise occurred in 1887.

Charles Hibbert Metcalf obtained his preliminary education in the public schools of Girard, after the completion of which he attended Eureka College. In 1874 he began his business career as an assistant in his father's store, in which he bought a third interest three years later. Dr. B. F. Clark was associated with his father at that time, but in 1886 Charles Hibbert Metcalf bought his interest also, becoming two-thirds owner. Subsequent to the death of his father, which occurred the following year, he withdrew from commercial enterprises, disposing of his stock to George B. Hobson, since which time he has lived retired.

On the 11th of January, 1877, Mr. Metcalf was united in marriage to Miss Mary Bellamy, of Girard, a daughter of B. R. and Elizabeth (Bailey) Bellamy, the father a native of Kentucky and the mother of Pennsylvania. Three children have been born of this union, as follows: Edith B., who is now the wife of Dr. W. W. Van Wormer and has become the mother of two children, Charles Metcalf and Mary Elizabeth; Laura B., who married S. P. Kramer, of Kansas City; and Essie B., the youngest member of the family.



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The family were reared in the faith of the Christian church, of which Mr. Metcalf has been a member for thirty years. He takes an active and helpful interest in the work of the organization and is now serving as deacon, in addition to which he is also acting as collector of the official board. Politically he is a republican and has always prominently participated in all municipal affairs. He was at one time a member of the township central committee and from 1902 to 1907 president of the school board. In 1907 he was elected mayor of Girard, which office he held for four years. During that time it was voted to close the saloons, for despite the fact that the town had had from six to eight saloons, for twenty-three years it was heavily in debt. Although this cut off quite a percentage of the income, five miles of cement sidewalk were laid, the property owners paying for everything but the street and alley crossings. The city bought the electric light plant, which was not giving very efficient service, installed two new boilers and did considerable wiring, while many minor improvements were made. A fire engine costing twenty-five hundred dollars was also purchased and the fire department was greatly improved thereby. Notwithstanding the large expenditure of money and the reduced income when Mr. Metcalf retired from the office, the city had paid up all of the old indebtedness as well as for the improvements and the interest on the electric light bond, and he turned over to his successor twenty-two hundred dollars. This fact clearly demonstrates what it is possible to do in any municipality when the funds are handled conscientiously and judiciously. Fraternally Mr. Metcalf is a member of Girard Lodge, No. 171, A. F. & A. M., and was one of the original members of Hiawatha Lodge, K. P., in which he filled all the chairs and was also a representative to the grand lodge of the state. He is held in high regard in Girard, where he has a host of warm friends, the majority of whom have known him from boyhood.

L. C. REILLY.

Macoupin county can claim a worthy representative in L. C. Reilly, a leading insurance man of Mount Olive, who served for four years as justice of the peace and for twelve years past has filled the office of notary public. He is a native of Illinois, born at Alton, June 20, 1857, a son of John K. and Eleanor (Doran) Reilly. The parents were both born in County Wexford, Ireland, and were married in their native country, two of their children having been born there. They left Ireland late in 1850, having decided to cast their lot in the new world, and landed at New Orleans early in 1851. Coming up the Mississippi river in a boat, they landed at Alton, where the family resided for fourteen years, the father being engaged in various pursuits. He served as night market master of Alton when the market was located where the postoffice now stands. The office of market master was at that time of considerable importance, its holder being an authorized officer of the city and he also had charge of the jail while on duty. After giving up this position Mr. Reilly served as yardmaster for the Chicago & Alton Railway. He came to Macoupin county on the 5th of October, 1865, and located on a farm in Cahokia township, where he

resided until his death which occurred February 17, 1890, the beloved wife and mother passing away April 29, 1877. They were both devout members of the Catholic church and were greatly esteemed by all who knew them. Mr. Reilly was a remarkably well informed man but on account of his modesty and retiring disposition never received the recognition that his merits deserved. He read law under a Mr. Flannagan, a noted barrister of Temple Moor, at Tipperary, Ireland, but never practiced the profession, his attention being attracted in other directions after his arrival in this country. He was a lifelong student and observer, and a brilliant conversationalist, being able to talk, even with those who were best informed, on all subjects pertaining to science, religion, politics or topics pertaining to the day. He was a radical democrat but was never a seeker for public office.

Mr. Reilly of this review was reared under highly favorable circumstances in a happy home. He was educated almost entirely under his father's tutelage and his attendance at the public schools was limited to three months. Under competent direction he acquired a love for books which has been an important element in shaping his life. He continued at home until twenty-four years of age and then began working in the coal mines at Mount Olive, where he was employed for about twelve years. In 1885 he removed to Litchfield and for about a year was identified with the Litchfield car shops. He then returned to Mount Olive and resumed work in the mines. In 1889 he was appointed car builder for the St. Louis & Peoria Railway and had charge of the rolling stock of the road for three years and seven months. He was then placed in charge of the construction of the dam at the Mount Olive reservoir, a responsibility which required his attention for about five months. About the time this work was completed he was tendered the position of weighmaster at No. 10 Mine by the district superintendent of the Consolidated Coal Company, a position which he accepted and filled to the complete satisfaction of his employers. In the spring of 1892 John Homer, a brother-in-law of Mr. Reilly and a prominent abstractor and insurance man, and justice of the peace, removed from Mount Olive to Carlinville, having been elected clerk of the circuit court. Mr. Reilly resigned his position with the coal company to take charge of the business left by Mr. Homer and has ever since devoted his attention largely to the insurance business, being also very prominent in public affairs. He is an active member of the Retail Dealers' Association of Mount Olive and is one of the foremost workers in behalf of all movements seeking to promote the interests of his adopted town.

On the 28th of January, 1885, at Mount Olive, Mr. Reilly was married to Miss Fannie Reagan, a daughter of Patrick Reagan, recently deceased. Eight children have been born to this union: Frank, who is an electrical engineer in the employ of the municipal plant at Mount Olive; Nellie, a teacher in the Mount Olive high school; Alice, who is engaged in teaching in the district schools; and Una, Bernice, Agnes, William and Thomas. All of the children reside at home.

Politically Mr. Reilly follows in the footsteps of his father and gives his undivided support to the democratic party. In addition to serving as justice of the peace, he has filled the office of supervisor of the township and was for eight years deputy sheriff of Macoupin county. The confidence in which he is held by the community is indicated by the fact that he is now serving as assessor of

Mount Olive. He is a member of the Catholic church in which he fills the office of trustee, being also identified with the Western Catholic Union and the Knights of Columbus. Always diligent in his business, attentive to his duties as head of a large and promising family and faithful in the discharge of public responsibilities, he is justly entitled to the high regard in which he is held by his neighbors and friends. He owes much of his success to the example and teachings of his father and the encouragement of a faithful wife who has been to him a constant inspiration.

HENRY C. DEAHL.

One of the finest improved farms of Macoupin county pays tribute to the energy and ability of Henry C. Deahl who, as a dairyman and stock-breeder, has gained a reputation which extends far beyond the lines of the state of Illinois. He has shown remarkable activity and progressiveness, and is recognized by his friends and acquaintances as an ideal farmer and business man. He takes special pride in his dairy and his blooded cattle, and is building up one of the finest herds in Illinois. Born at Shipman, June 24, 1868, he is a son of Adam Deahl, an interesting record of whom is presented in another part of this work.

Henry C. Deahl received his early education in the public schools of Shipman and subsequently attended Bushnell College at Bushnell, Illinois. He remained with his parents until twenty-one years old, and then rented eighty acres of land upon his own account and also engaged in buying and shipping live-stock. In 1893 he moved to Girard and opened a meat market, which he conducted for a year. Having disposed of this business, he took up his residence on a farm north of Piasa but, after the close of a year, moved to another farm east of town, where he continued for ten years, also purchasing and shipping live-stock. In 1905 he started in the dairy business on his father's farm, in section 23, Shipman township, and later began breeding thoroughbred Holstein-Friesian cattle. He is thoroughly up-to-date in his methods, having taken advantage of the very latest advancements in the line to which he devotes his attention. He has expended nine thousand dollars upon silos for his dairy business, and the feed lots have all been concreted at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars. That his herd is of the highest grade is indicated by the fact that he paid one thousand dollars for a calf two months old, being satisfied with nothing short of the best that the market affords. The mother of this calf is the champion butter producer of the world. He ships milk direct to St. Louis and is now the largest shipper in this section of the state. He is also selling blooded stock, reared under his supervision, to buyers throughout the United States, and is a prominent and successful exhibitor at the Illinois State Fair and other exhibitions, where stockmen are attracted in large numbers. Being actively interested in the promotion of the great work that engrosses his attention, his ability has been recognized by leading stock-breeders and he is second vice president of

the Holstein-Friesian Association of Illinois and a valued member of the National Holstein-Friesian Association.

On the 18th of May, 1892, Mr. Deahl was married to Miss Sarah Davies, a daughter of Charles and Emily (Boswell) Davies, and to this union two children have been born, Irene E. and Mildred, both of whom are living at home. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Deahl was Thomas Davies, a native of Hamilton, Ohio, who married Isophena Crane. The Davies family has long been well known in western Ohio, members of the family having settled at an early day in that portion of the state. Thomas Davies came to Illinois and located in Hilyard township, Macoupin county, becoming one of the prominent men of this county and the owner of a beautiful farm of four hundred acres. He had six children: Charles; Thomas, deceased; John, of Alton, Illinois; Margaret, the wife of Dr. Perlee, of Camden, Ohio; Daniel, a resident of Camden, Arkansas; and Edward, who died in infancy.

Charles Davies, the father of Mrs. Deahl, was born at Hamilton, Ohio, December 9, 1844, and was educated in the public schools of that city. He came west with his father and after renting land for several years purchased a farm in Hilyard township, which he now owns. He gives his attention to the dairy business. In 1868 he was married to Miss Emily Boswell, a daughter of John G. Boswell, of London, England, who settled in Hilyard township, Macoupin county, Illinois, in 1851 and became known as one of the substantial men of the community. To the union of Charles Davies and Emma Boswell were born four children, namely: Sarah C., now Mrs. Henry C. Deahl; Margaret M., the wife of Frank Stevenson, a farmer of Woodburn, Illinois; William, who went to Alaska as a gold seeker and died at Dawson, at the age of twenty-six years; and Howard, who is living at home.

Mr. Deahl of this review is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church of Shipman and in politics is an earnest supporter of the democratic party. His principal interest is centered in his business and as he knows how to direct his efforts so as to produce tangible results, he has made rapid progress and is to be found near the head of the line in anything in which he is interested. In all matters pertaining to citizenship he is loyal and progressive, and it is the unanimous opinion of his friends that no man in Macoupin county is more worthy of the favors of fortune than Henry C. Deahl.

JUDGE JOHN B. VAUGHN.

Fifteen years ago John B. Vaughn began the practice of law at Carlinville and, although he has spent twelve years of the period indicated in public office, he is now well established in practice and can claim among his clients a number of the leading citizens and business firms of Macoupin county. In addition to a thorough acquaintance with the principles of law he has a good knowledge of human nature and as he is an eloquent and convincing speaker, his success as an advocate was early assured.

He is a native of Jerseyville, Illinois, born March 2, 1865, a son of Erastus and Nancy Catharine (Hill) Vaughn. The father was born in Illinois and the mother in Indiana. In their family were nine children five of whom survive, namely: John B.; William M., who lives in Colorado; Richard E., of Centralia, Illinois; Bessie, the wife of Isaac Bean, of Nilwood, Illinois; and Essie, who married George Jenkins, of Hillsboro, Illinois.

The father of our subject was reared in Jersey county, Illinois, and devoted a large part of his life to farming. He came to Macoupin county in 1875 and engaged in the butchering business for ten years at Nilwood. He died on a farm in South Otter township, near Nilwood, in 1907, having reached the age of sixty-two years. His wife is still living and makes her home at Nilwood. She is an ardent supporter of the Baptist church. The grandfather of our subject on the paternal side was John Vaughn. He was a native of Kentucky and was of German descent. In the pioneer days he came to Jersey county, Illinois, and established a home although the Indians were numerous in the neighborhood. The maiden name of his wife was Hester Crane. Mr. Vaughn died after reaching his seventieth year and his widow came to Macoupin county and died at Shipman at the age of eighty-six. Of their fourteen children nine grew to maturity, William, Johnson, James, Shadrach, John, Erastus, Maria, Ann and Charlotte. The grandfather on the maternal side was Benjamin Hill. He was a native of Indiana and was of English descent. He and his family lived east of Girard, Illinois, on the edge of Montgomery county. He died at the age of seventy-one and his wife passed away in her sixty-sixth year. They had nine children, Alfred, John, Benjamin, Harriet, Martha, Nancy Catharine, Elizabeth, Ella and Sarah R. Alfred was a soldier in the Civil war and served during the entire period of the Rebellion.

John B. Vaughn came to Macoupin county with his parents when he was about ten years of age and in his boyhood engaged in farm work by the month. He attended the district schools and the Scottville high school, later becoming a student in the county normal schools. After teaching school for eight years he entered the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, but finished his studies under Judge Yancy of Carlinville. In 1890 he was elected county clerk and served for four years. In the fall of 1895 he was admitted to the bar upon examination and began practice at Carlinville, being elected states attorney in the fall of 1896. After serving very acceptably in this office for four years he was elected county judge and reelected in 1904, occupying the position for eight years, to the general acceptance of the people of the county irrespective of party. Since his retirement from public office he has devoted his entire attention to his profession.

On the 26th of November, 1890, Judge Vaughn was married to Miss Mary L. Drake, a daughter of William and Mary (Wheeler) Drake, of Scottville. Of the five children born to this union four died in infancy, Margaret Lucille being the only survivor. Mrs. Vaughn was born in Scottville township. Her parents were natives of Kentucky and were early settlers in Macoupin county. The father died at the age of seventy-two years and the mother passed away several years later. Five of their children are now living, Martha J., Marshall L., Sarah E., Nancy A. and Mary. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Vaughn

was Hiram Drake, a native of Kentucky, and the grandfather on the maternal side was also a native of that state. He married a Miss Van Bebber who lived to the age of ninety-five years.

Mrs. Vaughn is a valued member of the Baptist church, and Mr. Vaughn is very prominent in the Masonic order, being identified with Mount Nebo Lodge No. 76, A. F. & A. M.; Macoupin Chapter, No. 187, R. A. M.; and also with Ascalon Commandery, K. T., and Moolah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., both of St. Louis. He is an active worker in the Knights of Pythias and is a member of Orient Lodge, No. 95, being at the present time grand chancellor of Knights of Pythias of the state of Illinois. He was a member of the committee that located the Aged and Orphans' Pythian Home and is now chairman of the board of directors. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star and also of the Coterie Literary Society of Carlinville. In politics he is an ardent supporter of the democratic party. Thoroughly in sympathy with all forward movements, his influence has been exerted in many channels and he is recognized as one of the most energetic and public-spirited men in the county. His success has been well deserved as it has been fairly won, and his friends confidently prophesy for him many new victories in years to come.

THOMAS MARION GATES.

There are few more prosperous farmers in Macoupin county than Thomas Marion Gates whose place, on section 2, Honey Point township, is not only one of the most attractive but is one of the best managed and most profitable properties of its size in this part of the county. Mr. Gates has been connected with agriculture since his earliest recollection and applies the best known methods in all departments of his business, thus securing definite and satisfactory results.

He comes of German ancestry and was born on a farm near Greenville, Muhlenberg county, Kentucky, June 12, 1852, a son of Henry and Sarah (Jenkins) Gates. The father was born in Pennsylvania and learned the wagon maker's trade but later devoted his attention to farming. He removed to Kentucky and when his son Thomas was in his infancy came to Illinois and purchased a farm of eighty acres in Sangamon county. After cultivating this place for ten years he sold it and located on eighty acres in Shaws Point township, Macoupin county, where he continued until his death, which occurred about 1873. Mrs. Gates remained upon the home farm until after her children grew to maturity. She survived her husband twenty-two years and died about 1895. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Gates were the following children: Julian and Albert K., both of whom are deceased; Franklin W., who engaged in farming and is now living retired at Girard; Harrison H., who is a gardener and lives near Santa Rosa, California; Perry, who is a painter and carpenter by trade but is now serving as mail carrier at Litchfield; Andrew P., who is engaged in farming three miles east of Carlinville; Delila, deceased; Thomas M.; Lee

and Sarah Ellen, both of whom are also deceased; and Mollie E., who is the wife of S. S. Groves, a farmer of Honey Point township.

Thomas M. Gates attended the district schools of Shaws Point township and grew to manhood on his father's farm. He was married at the age of twenty-six and soon afterwards rented one hundred and seventy-five acres of Samuel Dugger, in Shaws Point township, which he cultivated to good advantage for three years. He rented land in other parts of this section for eight years and then purchased one hundred acres on section 2, upon which he has made his home for twenty-one years. He also cultivates the old homestead and for eight or ten years past has rented two hundred acres besides. His farm is all capable of cultivation and is one of the highly improved properties of the neighborhood. It is well supplied with water and possesses natural drainage—a feature which is of special importance to farmers. Mr. Gates is an extensive hog feeder and also takes a great interest in fruit-raising, a fine orchard of summer and fall apple-bearing trees being evidence of his skill along this line.

On August 23, 1874, Mr. Gates was married to Miss Mollie E. Schindler, a daughter of George and Betsy Schindler, who were formerly residents of Honey Point township. Three children were born to this union: Flossie E., who married John Gamble; Walter, who is assisting his father upon the home farm; and Essie, the wife of Herbert Roderick, who is engaged in the mercantile business at Virden and has one son, Clifford Melvin, aged two years. The mother of these children died December 3, 1880, and Mr. Gates was married October 12, 1882, to Miss Carrie L. Blackwell, a daughter of Jonathan S. and Eleanor H. (Keas) Blackwell, the former of whom was of Scotch-American descent and was born near Greenville, Kentucky. He learned the harness-maker's trade but engaged in farming after coming to Macoupin county, Illinois. He died in Montgomery county June 12, 1873, having reached the age of fifty-six years and two months. The mother of Mrs. Gates was of Irish-American descent and was born near Louisville, Kentucky. She came to Macoupin county, Illinois, with her parents when she was ten years old. After the death of her husband she remained upon the home farm for a number of years but later lived around among her children. She died July 27, 1898, at the age of seventy-seven years, three months and three days. By his second marriage Mr. Gates became the father of seven children. Ethel is the wife of Carson Besanceney, of Honey Point township, and the mother of two children, Zelma M., who is six years of age; and Reba M., aged three years. Susie, Thomas Stanley, James F., Willard G., Gladys H. and Alma B. are all living at home. Gladys and Alma are students in district school No. 100 of Honey Point township.

Politically Mr. Gates gives his support to the democratic party and, although he has never sought public office, he has for eight years past served as a member of the school board of his district and also filled the office of pathmaster of Honey Point township for two years. He is a member of the lodge of Modern Woodmen of America at Barnett, in which he served as worthy adviser for four years. He and his wife and his daughter Flossie are actively identified with the Baptist church of Shaws Point township, while Ethel, Susie, Thomas Stanley, Willard and Gladys are members of the New Hope Baptist church of Mont-

gomery county. Essie is connected with the Christian church of Virden and is one of its active workers. Notwithstanding the exacting demands of his business Mr. Gates may always be depended upon to perform his part in advancing movements which aim to promote the welfare of this region. He has many friends who admire him for his business ability, his useful life and also because he is known to be one who under all circumstances aims to be just and fair.

LEONARD KETCHUM.

A worthy representative of one of Macoupin county's pioneer families is to be found in the person of Leonard Ketchum, who is cultivating the farm on which he was born on the 21st of April, 1842. His parents were Ira and Phœbe (Fitzgerald) Ketchum, the father of English and the mother of Irish extraction. Ira Ketchum was a native of Vermont, his birth having occurred about 1816, and he is a son of Ira and Rebecca (Palmer) Ketchum, his father having been born and reared in the vicinity of Waltham, Vermont. When a youth of sixteen years he came with his mother and her brother, William Palmer, to Illinois, locating on what is now known as Palmer's Prairie in Jersey county, Illinois. There he lived with his uncle William until about 1837, when he took possession of eighty acres of land preempted for him by his uncle in Macoupin county. He subsequently purchased another eighty acres adjoining his tract, making the aggregate of his possessions one hundred and sixty acres. It was all raw prairie, never having been broken or improved in any way. He erected a log cabin and such other buildings as were necessary to shelter his stock and began breaking the land, placing it under cultivation as rapidly as he was able. The operation of his home farm continued to engage his attention until his demise on the 5th of May, 1853. The mother of our subject was a native of New Jersey, her birth having occurred about 1816 also. In 1833 she came with her parents to Illinois, the family locating near Palmer's Prairie in Jersey county, and there Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald died about 1854.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ketchum eleven children were born: Alfred is living in the vicinity of Pasadena, California; Daniel, who was a member of Company F, Thirty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, and was with his brother when wounded at the battle of Shiloh, is now living near Pattersburg, Davis county, Missouri; Leonard is the next of the family; David, a member of Company F, Thirty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, died in the army from the effects of wounds sustained at Shiloh; Edmund H., also deceased, was a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry; Franklin is residing in the vicinity of Jerseyville, Illinois; Rebecca is the wife of James Chism, of Medora; Charles is living in Alton, Illinois; Ira is a resident of Macoupin county. The two youngest members of the family died in infancy. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Ketchum married Henry Cooper, by whom she had one son, Eli, who is living in Pasadena, California.



LEONARD KETCHUM



MRS. LEONARD KETCHUM

In general the early life of Leonard Ketchum did not differ from those of other lads of the pioneer period. Upon him early devolved many chores about the home, these being increased with the development of his strength, while his education was pursued in the district schools near by. He remained at home until he was seventeen years of age and then worked by the month as a farm hand until the breaking out of the Civil war. When Lincoln's second call came for troops, the patriotic spirit of the youth was deeply stirred and he responded by going to Springfield, where he enlisted in October, 1861. His brothers Daniel and David had gone to the front in the preceding August, and the younger brother, Edmund H., joined near the close of the war, four members of the family having been in the army. He became a member of Company F, Twelfth Illinois Cavalry, his regiment being sent to the Shenandoah valley, Virginia, joining General Buford's command. His first experience on the battlefield was at Sharpsburg, where his command had a severe engagement with Ashby's Black Horse Cavalry, this being the first sabre charge of the Civil war. He was captured at the surrender of Harper's Ferry by Stonewall Jackson's command and held under parole about six months and was then exchanged. He rejoined his regiment at Dumfries, Virginia, being assigned to do skirmishing and scouting duty throughout the state. His most notable battle was probably that of Gettysburg, in which he participated for two days, and then returned with his regiment to Brandy Station, where they wintered. He did skirmishing in Virginia until mustered out in October, 1863, for reenlistment in the same company and regiment and was sent to New Orleans. He was assigned to duty along the Mississippi river and was in the Red River expedition under General Banks, and was at Memphis at the time of Lee's surrender. His regiment was held in service until 1866, being sent to Texas on scout duty, and they received their discharge at Springfield, Illinois. Among the most valued possessions of Mr. Ketchum are the sabre and carbine he carried during the entire period of his service in the army.

After he was mustered out he returned to Macoupin county and rented land, which he cultivated for five years. At the expiration of that period he removed to the old family homestead, a small portion of this being his heritage, while the remainder he purchased from the other heirs. This consists of one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 18, Chesterfield township. He has wrought many changes in the place since he settled here, all of the buildings now standing having been erected during the period of his occupancy. It is one of the most attractive and valuable properties of Chesterfield township, being well improved and under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Ketchum calls his place Corn Land Farm, and here he devotes much attention to stock feeding, making a specialty of raising Poland China hogs and fine horses.

On the 14th of December, 1863, Mr. Ketchum was united in marriage to Miss Jane Hayward, a daughter of Cyrus Tolman and Elizabeth (Olmstead) Hayward. Her father was a representative of one of America's oldest families, his ancestors having been Thomas and Susanna Hayward, natives of Kent county, England. They came to America on the ship Hercules in 1635, landing at Plymouth, and were members of the Plymouth colony that settled at Duxbury, Massachusetts. They were also among the original settlers of Bridge-

water, Massachusetts, and there they died about 1681. Unto them were born five sons and two daughters, all of the former having been born in England. In order of birth they were as follows: Thomas, Nathaniel, John, Joseph, Elisha, Mary and Martha. The two last named were natives of Duxbury, Massachusetts. Mrs. Ketchum traces her descent directly to the fourth son, Joseph, who was two years of age when his parents brought him to America. He married Hannah Mitchell about 1682, and they had nine children. Their son Edward, born in 1689, married Keziah, the widow of Edward White, and to them were born four children. Joseph, their son, was born on the 17th of July, 1753, and married Lydia Barrows, who bore him fourteen children. Their son Joseph, whose birth occurred on the 10th of October, 1784, married Esther Ripley and had a family of eight children. George Adoniram, who was born of this union, married Henrietta Tarbox, who bore him one son, Ansel, who took for his wife Lucinda Tolman, a daughter of Daniel Tolman, of Bridgewater, Massachusetts. They became the parents of eight children, one of whom was Cyrus Tolman Hayward, the father of Mrs. Ketchum. He was born in Massachusetts on the 4th of June, 1819, and there spent the first nineteen years of his life. In 1838, Anson Hayward sold his farm and came to Macoupin county, Illinois, with his family, settling on a farm on section 18, Chesterfield township. He was a cabinet-maker by trade, having followed that occupation in connection with farming in his native state. He retired from active farming during the latter years of his life and devoted his energies to clock repairing until his death, which occurred on the 30th of November, 1863. He was a veteran of the war of 1812. Cyrus Tolman Hayward lived at home until he attained his majority, assisting his father with the work of the farm. On Christmas day, 1840, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Maria Olmstead, and unto them were born eight children: Cyrus W., who is living at Parsons, Kansas; Caroline Matilda, the wife of Frank Silsby; Jane, now Mrs. Ketchum; William Oscar, also living at Parsons, Kansas; Lucinda Cornelia, the deceased wife of Melvin Loper, of Chesterfield township; Eva Josephine, the deceased wife of Emmons Loper, of Chesterfield township; Eldon O., who died at the age of three years; and Eldon Augustus, who died in infancy. The mother of these children passed away on the 8th of July, 1856. On the 21st of September, 1859, Mr. Hayward was married the second time, his choice on this occasion being Mrs. Mary Ann Johnson, a widow. They became the parents of five children: Lillian O., a merchant at Medora, Illinois; Herbert M., who is living on the old home place in Chesterfield township; Mary E., the wife of William Simpson, of Marion, Indiana; Horace L., who is a resident of Chicago, Illinois; and Ida R., who died in infancy. Mrs. Hayward passed away on the 22d of August, 1898. Cyrus T. Hayward learned the cabinet-maker's trade in his early youth, following that in connection with farming for many years. About 1846 he bought eighty acres of land on section 20, Chesterfield township, upon which he settled with his family. He extended the boundaries of his farm in 1858 by the purchase of another eighty-acre tract, continuing to make that his home until his death on the 11th of June, 1904.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ketchum there were born ten children, in order of birth as follows: Louis E., deceased, who was a real-estate dealer of Stuttgart.

Arkansas, and was married and had three children; Lawrence C., a farmer of Shipman township, who is married and has four children; Evelina, the wife of A. L. Carter, of Medora, and the mother of one son; Nellie May, the wife of Edward Barnes, a farmer of Jersey county; Elizabeth, the wife of Cary Haynes, of Chesterfield township, and the mother of two daughters; James Wastler, operating the home place, who is married and has one son; Jane S., the wife of John Shields, a retired farmer of Jerseyville, and the mother of two children; and three who died in infancy.

Mr. Ketchum loyally supports the men and measures of the republican party and although often urged to enter public life has never held any office save that of school director. He maintains relations with his comrades of the Civil war through the medium of his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has always taken an active interest. Mr. Ketchum is one of the highly regarded citizens of Chesterfield township; intelligent and progressive in his ideas, and he takes a deep interest in community affairs, always giving his support to every movement that promises to serve the best interests of the majority.

GEORGE ROWLAND WAGGONER.

A native of Brighton township and widely known as a successful farmer and fine stock-raiser, George Rowland Waggoner was born October 29, 1857. He is a son of James E. Waggoner, who was born at Knoxville, Tennessee, in September, 1828. The family were among the pioneers of Maryland and George Waggoner, the grandfather on the paternal side, was born in that state about 1784. He emigrated to Tennessee and about 1834 came with his family to Illinois and engaged in farming near Alton. In the '50s he took up his residence at Brighton, Macoupin county, where he continued until his death, which occurred in 1877. There were thirteen children in his family, one of whom died in infancy. The others are all deceased except Mary, who is the wife of Robert Halloway, of Piasa. Those deceased are: Henry, of Godfrey; John, of Knoxville, Tennessee; Samuel, who also resided at Godfrey; Margaret, who married Benjamin Akard, of Jerseyville, Illinois; Melinda, who was the wife of John Camp, of Brighton; William of Godfrey; Ellen, who married James Reading, of Lawrence, Kansas; George Washington, of Upper Alton, Illinois; Jane, who was the wife of Joseph Andrews, of Brighton; and Wesley and James E., twins, the former of whom lived at Godfrey.

James E. Waggoner, the father of our subject, was brought to Illinois by his parents when five years old and was reared in the paternal home. He learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked until 1856, when he purchased eighty acres of land northeast of Brighton, in Shipman township, which he cultivated until 1874. He then moved to Brighton, where he lived until he retired from active labor in 1900. In 1856 he married Miss Almira Mundy, who was born in St. Louis, December 2, 1837, a daughter of Rowland and Asenith (Kellogg) Mundy. The father came west from New York and after spending some years

in Missouri removed to White Hall, Greene county, Illinois, finally settling on a farm in Macoupin county. He died at Brighton. Mr. Waggoner died in 1905, leaving five children, the eldest of whom is the subject of this review. The others are: Louada, who is the wife of Monroe Forwood, of Piasa; Almira Ellen, who married Charles Mason, of Fort Morgan, Colorado; James E., who lives near Piasa; and Homer O., whose home is in Alhambra, California.

In the public schools George Rowland Waggoner received his preliminary education. Later he attended the Brighton Academy at Brighton and also took a course at the Jacksonville Business college at Jacksonville, Illinois. Under his father he became thoroughly acquainted with farming and stock-raising, and after arriving at maturity he rented his father's farm, which he cultivated to good advantage until he was thirty-five years of age. He was then married and rented another farm belonging to his father, upon which he lived until 1898. He then moved to the place which he now occupies on section 19, Shipman township, which was inherited by his wife from her father. For three years, from 1889 to 1891 inclusive, he traveled extensively in the employ of the Walter A. Wood company, manufacturers of farm machinery, covering a very extensive territory, from Texas to North Dakota. In the course of his travels he made many observations, which have been of great practical benefit to him in his work, and his farm is one of the most attractive properties in this part of the county. He is a lover of fine stock and maintains a valuable herd of registered Shropshire sheep and also a noted thoroughbred herd of Holstein cattle.

On the 27th of October, 1892, Mr. Waggoner was married to Miss Elizabeth Lewis, a daughter of John Lewis and a sister of John Lewis, Jr., a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. To this union five children have been born, Ruth, Alice, George, Ralph and Carrie, all of whom are living at home. Fraternally Mr. Waggoner is a valued member of the Odd Fellows, and religiously he is identified with the Methodist church, being president of the board of trustees and superintendent of the Sunday school of Mount Pleasant church of Piasa. He gives his support to the republican party and has served as township collector of Brighton township, and for seven years past has discharged the duties of director of the school board. He is an intelligent man, who has made practical use of the advantages presented in this great state for those who have the ability to discover and develop them. He has a beautiful home, a bright and promising family, and may justly be regarded as one of the fortunate citizens of Macoupin county.

SAMUEL A. RICE.

Samuel A. Rice, a veteran photographer and ex-soldier of the Civil war and for fifteen years past a resident of Carlinville, was born at Strausburg, D. C., September 13, 1839. He is a son of Joel and Margaret (Clifford) Rice, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, and is the eldest in a large family of children, the others being: Frank, who was a soldier at the time of the Rebellion and died at the close of the war; John; Henry, who is now living in New York city;

Edward, who makes his home in San Francisco, California; James, deceased; Hudson; Elizabeth; May; and several daughters who died when young.

Joel Rice, the father of our subject, learned the cabinetmaker's trade which he followed in Philadelphia for a number of years. He came west about 1849 and settled at Sterling, Illinois. In 1852, yielding to the gold excitement, he joined a caravan and crossed the plains with an ox team and wagon in search of the yellow metal. He mined in California for several years and in 1856 returned to Illinois where he continued until just before the war, when he took up his residence at Louisiana, Missouri. He served as captain of a company of artillery in the Missouri state troops and for many years was an honored citizen of Louisiana. He died in 1907, at the advanced age of about ninety-two years, his wife preceding him two years at the age of about eighty years. They were both members of the Baptist church. The paternal grandfather of our subject was also a native of Pennsylvania. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and again donned the uniform of his country in 1812. He and his wife both died in the Keystone state. Of their children the names of Joel and Samuel have been preserved. The grandfather on the maternal side was a Pennsylvanian and the maiden name of his wife was Marguerite Clifford. They spent their entire lives in their native state.

At ten years of age Samuel A. Rice came west to Sterling, Illinois, with his parents. He attended the public schools and later moved with his family to Louisiana, Missouri, which he made his headquarters until several years after the close of the Civil war. He began learning the photographer's business at the age of eighteen and was in charge of a photograph gallery at Louisiana for about twenty years. He also owned galleries at Mexico and Paris, Missouri, devoting a portion of his time to each of his places of business. He was at Mexico at the time of the massacre by Will Anderson, the noted guerrilla. In 1870 he moved to Carrollton, Illinois, and conducted a business there for four years. He then opened a gallery at Jerseyville and after five years moved to Roodhouse where he continued until 1896, since which time he has made his home at Carlinville. He has been engaged in the photograph business for fifty-four years and being gifted with artistic taste and perception, he has scored a success. In 1862 he enlisted in Company I, Fifth Missouri Artillery, and served for six months, which was his term of enlistment. He participated in several skirmishes and was fifth sergeant, being later detailed as musician in the regimental band. He had two brothers in the Civil war, Frank and John Rice, both of whom died from disease contracted in the army.

On the 23d of May, 1876, Mr. Rice was married to Miss Mary B. Hovey, of Perry, Pike county, Illinois, a daughter of Sylvester L. and Prudence L. (Lucas) Hovey. Two sons were born to this union: Elbert L., who assists his father in the photograph business; and Ray Logan, who has mechanical talent and is employed in a machine shop at Springfield. The father of Mrs. Rice was born near Rochester, New York, and her mother near Spartanburg, South Carolina. The mother's parents moved to Tennessee and the family took up its residence near Nashville where the mother lived until she was fifteen years of age. She then came to Illinois with her parents and in 1902 became a resident of Carlinville. She died three years later, in the eighty-first year of her age. Her husband

died at Roodhouse, Illinois, in 1892, having reached his eighty-third year. He was a carriage and wagon manufacturer. In their family were ten children, seven of whom grew to maturity: Mary B., now Mrs. Samuel A. Rice; Sidney L.; Joseph Merrill; Martha, who married M. B. Smith; May L.; Minnie, who is the wife of R. C. Anderson; and Stanton. The grandparents of Mrs. Rice on the paternal side spent their entire lives near Rochester, New York. They had five children, Sylvester L., Lorenzo D., Harriet, Electa and Josiah. The Hovey ancestors of Mrs. Rice have traced the family back to Daniel Hovey, the emigrant ancestor of all American Hoveys, who was born in England in 1618. The name has also been found in Scotland, Ireland and Wales. The father of Mrs. Rice was a cousin of ex-Governor Alvin P. Hovey, of Indiana.

Mr. Rice is not a member of any religious denomination but his wife is identified with the Presbyterian church. By virtue of his services in the Civil war he holds membership in Jacob Fry Post, G. A. R., of Roodhouse, Illinois. Politically he is a staunch supporter of the republican party whose principles he believes to be essential to the prosperity and permanency of the country. A man of large experience, he has gained many lessons that are not found in books and having been courageous, self-reliant and energetic, he has acquired a competency. He has always willingly lent a hand to assist fellow creatures less fortunate than himself and in an important degree he has made a success of life. He can claim a host of friends in Carlinville and Macoupin county.

EDWARD H. BECKER.

Among the business men of Mount Olive Edward H. Becker occupies a prominent place, being known as one of the most successful funeral directors in this part of the country. He is also the owner of a flourishing livery establishment and has shown an energy and capacity which give brilliant promise as to his future. Born in Staunton township September 10, 1883, he is a son of Christ and Geske (Arkebauer) Becker, both of whom were born in Illinois, their parents being natives of Germany and early settlers of the state. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Becker located on a farm in Staunton township where he continued until his death which occurred on Christmas day, 1890. when the subject of this review was seven years of age. Subsequently the mother was married to August Ruhlander, a merchant and undertaker of Mount Olive.

Edward H. Becker was reared under the favorable influences of a kindly home and possessed excellent advantages of education. He attended the public schools and the Mount Olive high school and then became a student of Bryant & Stratton Business College at St. Louis. After graduating with high credit from this institution he returned to Mount Olive and entered the employ of Mr. Ruhlander, being placed in charge of the undertaking business in which he showed a special adaptability. In 1902, desiring to become thoroughly qualified in this line, he went to Chicago and entered the Barnes School of Anatomy, Sanitary Science and Embalming. After taking the complete course he resumed his position under Mr. Ruhlander and continued with him until 1906.

He then engaged in the undertaking and livery business upon his own account and during the years that have since passed he has built up an extensive patronage. He has made a special study of the wants of the people in the branches which he represents and has provided every facility that is to be desired, his reputation steadily increasing with the passing years.

On the 16th of June, 1907, Mr. Becker was married to Miss Minnie Keune, a daughter of Charles Keune, a retired farmer living near Walshville, Illinois. One child, Dolores, has been born to this union. Mr. Becker and his estimable wife are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church and can claim many warm personal friends in that organization and also throughout this section. He is an earnest friend of education and is now serving as a member of the school board. Although a young man he has scored a success and his friends prophesy for him many additional victories in the years to come.

A. W. MAXE.

Among the business men of Staunton A. W. Maxe occupies an honorable place, being recognized as an energetic and enterprising citizen, whose efforts have contributed in no small degree toward the upbuilding of the city. He was born in this city August 26, 1858, a son of Fritz and Johanna W. (Sievers) Maxe, both of whom were born in Germany. The father emigrated to this country when a young man and located at Staunton, when it was a struggling settlement in the wilderness, consisting of three or four houses. He was a blacksmith by trade and opened the first shop at Staunton. Later he purchased the general store of James Taylor and continued in the mercantile business until 1882. He then retired and is now living at Staunton, having reached the advanced age of eighty-six years. The mother of our subject was born at New Brunswick, Germany, and came to America with her parents. She was married to Mr. Maxe at Staunton and died in this city in 1887. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Maxe were eight children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Lizzie, who now lives in St. Louis; Minnie, of Staunton; A. W., of this review; Hannah, who also lives in Staunton; and Frederick and Mollie, both of whom reside in St. Louis.

A. W. Maxe received his education in the common schools of Staunton and later became a student in a college at St. Louis. On May 15, 1883, being then twenty-five years of age, he began in the bakery and confectionery business, in this city and has ever since been connected with that line, applying himself with a discrimination and industry which have brought merited returns. His store is now one of the most popular of its kind in Staunton.

In 1882 Mr. Maxe was married to Miss Clara Brass, and to them four children have been born: Emma and A. W., Jr., both of whom are deceased; Clara L., who is living at home; and Oscar, who is also deceased. Mr. Maxe and his estimable wife are consistent members of the Lutheran church and are active workers in its behalf. In politics he adheres to the republican party, whose principles of protection he believes to be of great importance in maintaining the

prosperity of the country. A native son of Illinois, he is justly proud of his state and of the place of his birth. By an honorable and upright course he has won the respect of the best citizens, who have always found him to be patriotic, progressive and reliable—a credit alike to his family and the community.

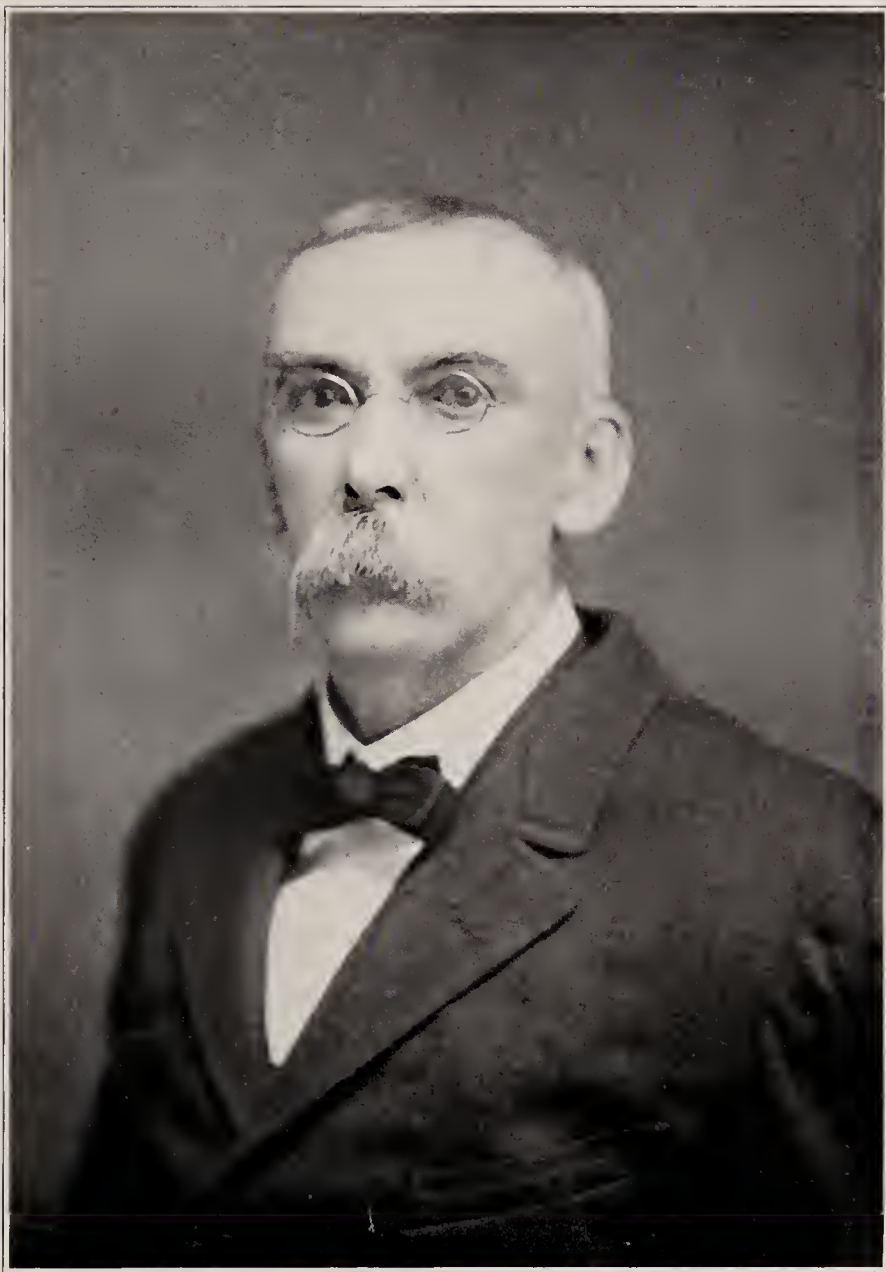
ROBERT JARVIS MITCHELL, M. D.

Dr. Robert Jarvis Mitchell, from point of service, is one of the oldest physicians in Macoupin county, having been engaged in the practice of his profession in Girard for a period of forty years. He was born in Schuyler county, Missouri, on the 30th of October, 1843, and is a son of Isaac and Sarah (Underwood) Mitchell. The father was a native of England and the mother of Kentucky but of English extraction, her father, Francis Underwood, having been a native of England.

In the acquirement of his education Dr. Mitchell attended the country schools, the course therein pursued being later supplemented by study at Shurtleff College at Upper Alton, from which institution he was graduated in 1869 with the degree of B. A. As he had already decided to adopt the medical profession for his life vocation, in the autumn following his graduation he matriculated at Rush Medical College, Chicago, and two years afterward was awarded the degree of M. D. Immediately following he came to Girard, where he established an office and has ever since been engaged in practice. During the first few years of his professional career he devoted his attention to a general practice but subsequently specialized in diseases of the eye and ear. In 1862 Dr. Mitchell joined the Missouri Militia, which was organized in accordance with a proclamation issued by President Lincoln, and was an influential factor in bringing about peace in the northeastern part of that state.

On the 23d of April, 1873, in Girard, Dr. Mitchell was united in marriage to Miss Julia A. Bennion, a native of Wales and a daughter of Randall and Augusta (Lucas) Bennion. Her parents were born, reared and married in North Wales, where they continued to reside until 1849, which year witnessed their emigration to America. They were accompanied by their three children, including Mrs. Mitchell, who was then but six months old. On landing in New York they proceeded to Kenosha, Wisconsin, where Mr. Bennion purchased land and engaged in farming for eight years. He then came to Macoupin county, Illinois, and bought a farm near Girard, upon which he lived until his removal to the village in 1860. Here he engaged in the grain business for twenty years and then retired from active life. His death occurred in 1883 and his wife passed away in 1895. They attended the Baptist church and in politics he voted with the democratic party. Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell have two daughters, Mabel and Vinita.

The Doctor's fraternal relations are confined to his connection with the Masonic order, being a member of Girard Lodge, No. 171, A. F. & A. M., and Girard Chapter, No. 132, R. A. M., while his wife is a member of the Eastern Star. He is also affiliated with the American Medical Association, the Illinois



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State Medical Association and the Macoupin County Medical Society, being a charter member of the last organization, of which he was at one time president. Politically he is an ardent democrat but has never cared for official honors although he has served as school director and president of the board of education of Girard. He filled the latter position for several years in a most efficient and creditable manner, the cause of education ever having found in him an enthusiastic and zealous supporter.

ALBERT W. NEWBY.

Albert W. Newby, who is successfully engaged in farming on section 3, Hil-yard township, was born on a farm north of Carlinville, August 7, 1877. He is a son of Charles W. and Alma J. (Lash) Newby, the former of whom was born in Morgan county, Illinois, October 9, 1848, and the latter in Macoupin county. The father came to Macoupin county when settlers were few and far apart and for more than fifty years has actively engaged in agriculture and stock-raising. His farm adjoins that of his son. Mr. and Mrs. Newby are the parents of eight children, seven sons and one daughter, all of whom are now living. Their names are as follows: Albert W., of this review; William C., who makes his home in Kansas City, Missouri; Clara A., who is living at home; Charles E., of Macoupin county; Harry, of South Dakota; and George, Roscoe and Frank, all of whom live at home.

In the district schools of Macoupin county Albert W. Newby received his early education. Later he possessed advantages of attendance at the public schools of Plainview. As he grew to manhood he assisted his father upon the home farm and continued so doing until after arriving at maturity. He now engages in farming on his own account and has made a success of it, being known as one of the wide-awake and progressive agriculturists of this section. He and his family occupy a comfortable home, provided with all the modern conveniences, and his farm is one of the attractive features of the landscape. It is kept in excellent order and through his industry and good management yields a handsome annual income.

On the 5th of September, 1901, Mr. Newby was married, at Alton, Illinois, to Miss Mattie Kubecheck, who was born on a farm north of Carlinville. Her father, Frank Kubecheck, was born in Bohemia, as was also her mother. They came to America seeking more favorable conditions than they found in their native land and made their home for a time at St. Louis. Later they located in Macoupin county, where the father engaged in farming. He was also a carpenter, having learned his trade in his native land. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Kubecheck were three children, one son and two daughters, and two of the children are now living. The parents are both deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Newby three children have been born, namely, Albert L., Howard W. and Alpheus J.

Mr. Newby is an earnest member of the Methodist church and in politics adheres to the republican party. He has never sought the honors of office, as

his time and energy have been devoted principally to his family and his farm. As an intelligent member of the community he performs each duty according to the best of his ability as it arises and in the discharge of his responsibilities recognizes his obligations to his state and to his fellowmen. He possesses strong social instincts and is admired for his sturdy character and his unselfish devotion to the interests of those with whom he is associated.

JOHN D. WILSON.

John D. Wilson, a successful farmer of Shipman township, who as a young man offered his services to his country in its hour of peril and in later years has fully demonstrated his ability and integrity, is a native of Macoupin county. He was born on the farm where he now resides July 31, 1844, and is a son of Thomas Henry and Elizabeth (Bowman) Wilson. The father was born near Carlisle in Northumberland county, England, in March, 1803, and the mother near Penrith, Westmoreland county, England, December 12, 1802. The grandparents on both sides of the house were born respectively in Northumberland and Westmoreland counties. Thomas Henry Wilson grew to manhood in his native county and in 1830, three months after his marriage, came with his wife to America, crossing the ocean in a sailing vessel which required eight weeks to accomplish the voyage to New Orleans. They traveled by steamboat to St. Louis and rented a dwelling for a short time in that city, which stood on the site now occupied by the Planter's Hotel. They later removed to Alton, Illinois, and Mr. Wilson rented a farm on the Grafton road. In 1835 he located on government land on section 19 of Shipman township, Macoupin county, this being the same place now occupied by his son, John D. Wilson. The land was mostly covered with timber which the industrious pioneer cleared away, making many other improvements on the place. He possessed good business ability and became the owner of more than six hundred acres of productive land. He died in 1869 and his wife was called away in 1881, at the age of seventy-nine years. There were six children in their family, one of whom died in infancy. Thomas Henry is now engaged in farming north of Piasa. Charles B., who was a resident of Piasa, and is now deceased, was a soldier in the Civil war. He was a member of the Sixty-sixth Illinois Volunteers and fought at Shiloh and Chattanooga, also participating in the Atlanta campaign. Elizabeth is now living at Piasa. Mary is the widow of James Landreth and makes her home at Jacksonville. John D., the youngest of the children, is the subject of this review.

After completing his preliminary education in the public schools John D. Wilson applied himself to farming under his father and continued at home until twenty years of age. He then enlisted at Springfield in Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was sent with his regiment to Rock Island, Illinois, to guard the United States arsenal and the Confederate prisoners. After receiving his discharge he returned to the home place and rented land of his father. In 1880 he purchased two hundred and seventeen acres on sections 19 and 30, Shipman township. He later acquired a portion

of his father's farm by inheritance, and has since purchased one hundred and sixty acres in the same township and sixty acres in Jersey county, so that he now has five hundred and ninety acres. He has improved his farm by the erection of all the buildings except the family residence and has one of the best orchards in this vicinity. He engages in general farming and in dairying, and is known as one of the representative and substantial men of the county, whose name is synonymous with rectitude and progress.

On the 30th of October, 1873, Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Augusta McCollister, who was born near Kemper, Jersey county, Illinois, September 10, 1848, a daughter of Isaac and Sylvia (North) McCollister. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of the following children: Arthur C., of Kansas City, Missouri, who married Mabel Williams and is the father of two sons, Paul R. and Arthur C.; Esther M., who lives near Scobey, Montana; Sylvia E., at home; Edward Ernest, a hardware merchant of Rousseau, South Dakota; N. D., who married Anna C. Arvidson and has two daughters, Esther F. and Mabel R.; Charles H., who is married and is identified with a law firm at Houston, Texas; John D., Jr., residing near Morrisonville, Illinois, who married Cora Rich and has two sons, Stuart and Arthur D.; Frank N., also of Scobey, Montana; Mary A., who married Charles P. Stapp, of Rushville, Illinois, and is the mother of two children, Sylvia Elizabeth and Charles P.; Thomas M., who is living at home; Sherman R., who resides near Scobey; and Isaac C., who is also at home.

The McCollister family, of which Mrs. Wilson is a member, is of Scotch-Irish origin. John McCollister, her grandfather, was born in Lewis county, New York. He was married in his native state and came west with his wife and six children, traveling by boat down the Ohio and up the Mississippi river. In 1819 the family located in Morgan county, near Alton, Illinois, and the father and three sons died of a fever within a period of forty days, in the fall of the same year of their arrival. It may be proper to state here that a branch of the family spells the name McCallister. To this branch belonged Judge McCallister, of Chicago, and Captain McCallister, of McCallister's Battery, which became noted in the Civil war. These two men were cousins of Isaac McCollister, the father of Mrs. Wilson. In 1820, after the death of his father and three other members of the family, Isaac McCollister moved with his mother and the surviving members of the family to Apple Creek Prairie, near Whitehall, Greene county, Illinois. As he grew to manhood he worked by the month for farmers around Whitehall and also was employed in the lead mines at Galena. After his marriage he purchased a farm near Kemper, Illinois, and about 1858 located at Fidelity, where he engaged in farming until his death, in 1890. He was married March 10, 1846, to Miss Sylvia North, a daughter of Ashrel and Prudence (Swallow) North. The progenitors of the Swallow family in America were Ambrose and Mary Swallow, who came to Chelmsford, Massachusetts, from England about 1666. Ambrose Swallow died October 25, 1684. Nahum Swallow, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Wilson, was born in Dunstable, Massachusetts, in 1771, and the descent has been traced in unbroken succession to the present time. To Isaac McCollister and his wife thirteen children were born, namely: Mary, who died in infancy; Augusta, now Mrs. J. D. Wilson; Lucy, who also died in infancy; William Henry, who died at the age of three years;

Edgar, twins and Charles H., all of whom died in infancy; Edward, who is now living at Fidelity, Illinois; Lizzie, the widow of A. B. Piggott, of Jerseyville; Albert Sherman, who makes his home at Fidelity; and Ira I. and Ida S., twins, the former of whom died at the age of five years, while the latter became the wife of W. K. Dodge, of Fidelity.

Mr. Wilson and his wife occupy one of the historic homes of the county, the residence having been built by his father sixty years ago. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order and politically he adheres to the republican party. He has taken a great interest in the success of the party and has been active in its councils, having served as central committeeman for twenty-five years. He filled the office of school director for one term and then declined to serve further. His energies have been largely concentrated upon his business and his family. He is justly proud of his wife and children and has often appeared with his eight sons on the baseball field, thus making a team which has successfully coped with some of the picked "nines" of the county. As a native of this section, a man of unblemished character, and a citizen who has ably performed his part in advancing the permanent welfare of the community, he is greatly respected and no man is more worthy of a place in this record.

GEORGE WASHINGTON DRAKE.

A farmer by talent and inclination and a man of unusually clear business judgment, George Washington Drake, now deceased, of Brushy Mound township, gained recognition as one of the thoroughly successful men of Macoupin county. Through unremitting industry he won a competence and by his fair dealing and interest in the welfare of others gained many friends, who will ever cherish his memory as of one deserving of profound respect and veneration. Born in Plainfield, New Jersey, February 22, 1850, he was a son of Edward and Mary C. (Walden) Drake, both of whom were born and reared in New Jersey. The father came west with his family in 1856 and located on a farm in Tazewell county, Illinois, where he died nineteen years ago. The mother continued living in the same county with her sons, David and Collins, until her death at an advanced age in 1908. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Drake were twelve children, four of whom are now living: Thomas, who was wounded while serving valiantly for the Union in the Civil war and now makes his home at St. Louis, Missouri; Judson and David, both of whom reside at Delavan, Illinois; and Emma, who married Percival Place, of California. The deceased children of Mr. and Mrs. Drake are: Hannah Allen, George Washington, Jonathan, Daniel and Collins; and three who died in infancy. Daniel was a missionary of the Baptist church and made three trips to India.

Mr. Drake, whose name stands at the head of this sketch, came to Illinois with his parents when he was six years old and in the common schools received his early education. He continued on the home farm until thirty-eight years of age, working for his parents and also at various times for neighboring farmers. He bought forty acres of land adjoining his father's farm, which he cultivated

until after his marriage, but he then disposed of this place and came to Macoupin county and acquired forty acres, which he purchased near Barnett, forty acres more being added by his father-in-law. In November, 1889, he moved to the eighty acres on section 12, Brushy Mound township, and lived there for six years. He then took up his residence with his family on the Brown farm in Shaws Point township, but six years later returned to Brushy Mound township and purchased two hundred and forty acres on section 36, which became the family homestead. After the death of Mr. Drake his widow rented out a portion of the farm but since 1905 her sons have had charge and have been very successful in their work. They carry on general farming and stock-raising, feeding the grain which they raise to a good grade of stock. They have used sound judgment and are highly competent as agriculturists and stock-raisers.

On the 21st of March, 1888, Mr. Drake was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Carrico, the eldest daughter of Nathaniel and Milbury J. (Mitchell) Carrico, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Drake: Nathaniel Edward, who attended the Gillespie high school two years and is now at home; George Carrico, also at home, who was graduated from the Gillespie high school in 1911 and is now teaching at the Hart school of Honey Point township; Leslie Virgil, who attended the high school at Gillespie one year and is now at home; and Foster Brown, who is attending district school No. 106 of Gillespie township and is also at home.

Mr. Drake died in the prime of his life and activity March 6, 1904, having attained the age of fifty-four years. In his death the community realized that it had lost one of its most valued citizens. He was an advocate of the principles of the republican party and served as member of the school boards of districts 100 and 106, Brushy Mound township, being in the fifth year of his service at the time of his demise. For thirty-eight years he was a member of the Baptist church of Delavan, Illinois, his widow being a member of Honey Creek Baptist church of Gillespie township. The three elder sons are also identified with this organization. Mr. Drake was connected with the Mutual Protective League of Litchfield, Illinois. As the head of a promising family he was proud of his wife and children and willing at all times to make personal sacrifices for their comfort or happiness. Mrs. Drake is still living on the old homestead and can claim many friends in a county where she and her family have been long and favorably known.

GEORGE B. ARNETT.

The name of George B. Arnett in business circles of Carlinville is a synonym for enterprise and progressiveness and, as he has been remarkably successful in a number of business ventures, he is well and favorably known in other parts of the state outside of Macoupin county. He was born in Bird township, Macoupin county, February 16, 1868, a son of George W. and Serena E. (Lasiter) Arnett. The father was a native of Tennessee and the mother of Illinois. In their family were four children: Viola A., the widow of E. P. Deeds, of Carlinville; Horace

W., who died in 1880; Lilly M., who married H. C. Wilhite, of Greenfield, Illinois; and George B., of this review.

The father of our subject was brought to Macoupin county by his parents when he was four years of age and has ever since made his home in this county, being now eighty-two years old. He engaged successfully in farming and accumulated about two hundred and fifty acres of land in Bird township, which he developed into a valuable property. In 1889 he took up his residence at Carlinville, where he and his wife are now living. He was formerly actively interested in local affairs and for a number of years was supervisor of Bird township, serving in that capacity for a number of years. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

Thomas Arnett, the grandfather of our subject on the paternal side, was born in Tennessee, the family originally coming from Virginia. He married a Miss Reader and they both passed their declining days in Macoupin county, the grandfather dying when he was about sixty-five years of age. Their children were: George W.; William D.; John H.; Paschal L.; Thomas; Martha, who married John Wiggins; and Nancy. The grandfather on the maternal side was also a native of Tennessee and was an early settler of Greene county, Illinois. He married Charity Hill. He was killed accidentally in middle life by the running away of a team which he was driving. In his family were five children: Eliza, who married Joseph Bird; Serena E., the mother of our subject; Mary, who became the wife of W. R. Fitzgerell; Myra, who married Joseph Casteel; and Jennie, who married Horatio Peebles. Mrs. Lasiter, the mother of these children, was married again, her second husband being John Courtney, and they had two children, Carroll and Cyrus B.

George B. Arnett was reared on his father's farm and possessed advantages of education in the district schools. Later he attended Blackburn University and the Northern Indiana Normal school at Valparaiso, Indiana, completing a business course at the latter institution. He paid his expenses at the higher institutions by teaching school and, being a young man of ambition and energy, it did not require him long to secure a position in the business world. He began his active career as a traveling man for D. M. Osborn & Company, selling binders, mowers, reapers, etc., and later was employed in expert work by the company for a year. He was then appointed general agent of the same company for Kentucky, Tennessee and southern Indiana, with headquarters at Louisville, Kentucky, and continued in that position from 1890 to 1895. In the latter year he accepted appointment as manager of the office of the Smith Premier Typewriter Company at Louisville and six months afterward was promoted to the Cincinnati office, which controlled a number of other city offices. He spent a year at Cincinnati and then, in 1896, came to Carlinville and accepted a position as traveling man for the Parlin & Orendorf Company, in which capacity he continued for five years. During this time he also was at the head of a retail implement and vehicle business in this city. In 1903 he bought out R. R. Simmons, of Greenfield, who was the owner of one of the largest hardware stores in Greene county, and conducted the store until 1908, when he disposed of it to the Melvin Hardware Company. He continued in Greenfield for a year, being engaged in the real-estate business, and then purchased a beautiful residence at

Carlinville, which was known as the W. O. Steimeyer property. He has since lived in this city and gives his attention to the real-estate, loan and insurance business. He owns eighty acres of land in Mississippi county, Missouri, and also the Greenfield Opera House and other property in Greenfield and Carlinville.

On the 19th of October, 1892, Mr. Arnett was married to Miss Olive J. Sangbush, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Cutler) Sangbush. Six children have been born to this union, Irene Esther, George Clifford, Henry Howard, Olive Adaline, Cleo Frances and Thomas Russell. Mrs. Arnett was born in Woodford county, Illinois. Her father was born in Germany and came to this country as a boy, while her mother was born in Woodford county. The mother died in 1906, but the father is still living and makes his home at Washburn, Illinois. They had three children, Mrs. Arnett being the only one now living.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnett are valued members of the Methodist church. He is identified with the Knights of Pythias and during his life in many ways has practically exemplified the beneficial teachings of that order. In politics he is in close sympathy with the principles of the democratic party. He has never sought to avoid responsibility and in the discharge of his duties has shown a clearness of judgment and a knowledge of conditions which have been productive of generous financial returns. Hence, he ranks as one of the leaders in business circles of this section—a position which he has attained by methods entirely legitimate, as he has never sought to advance his own interests to the injury of others.

FRANKLIN MEYER.

The name of Meyer is recognized as a synonym for high character and marked business enterprise in Carlinville and Macoupin county. For seven years Franklin Meyer has engaged in the music business in this city and Meyer's Music House is one of the most popular establishments in this section of the state. Mr. Meyer is a native son of Illinois, born at Belleville, July 21, 1852. His parents were Jacob and Josephine (Glatz) Meyer. They were born in Baden, Germany, and lived near Muenstenthal. They came to America in 1845 and Mr. Meyer engaged in farming near Belleville. He died in 1854, when his son Franklin was about two years old. Mrs. Meyer survived her husband many years and died near Damiansville, Clinton county, at the age of eighty-six. She and her husband were devout members of the Catholic church. They were the parents of two children, the subject of this review being the only survivor of the family.

Franklin Meyer was reared on the farm near Damiansville and in the district schools secured his preliminary education. He took private lessons and later attended Christian Brothers' College at St. Louis. After completing a course of study at that well known institution he taught school and also pursued his studies further at Normal, Illinois. In 1872 he took charge of the parochial schools at Breese, Clinton county, a position which he occupied to the entire satisfaction of patrons for eight years. He came to Carlinville in 1880 and took

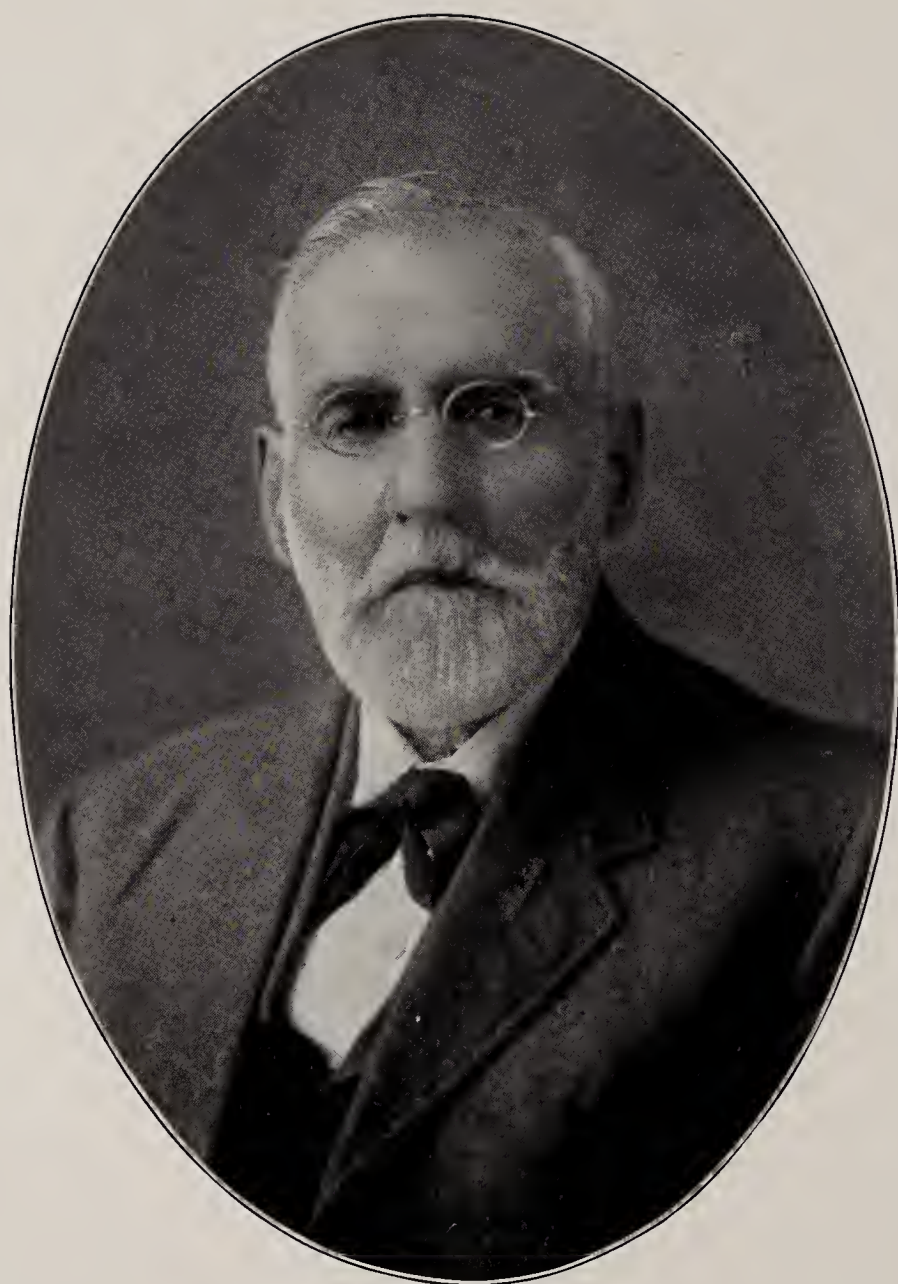
charge of St. Joseph's Parochial School, being principal of this school until June, 1902, a period of nearly twenty-three years. He then resigned on account of impaired health, having displayed an ability as an instructor and school manager that gained for him a wide reputation throughout the state. He traveled for one year for a St. Louis music house and in 1904 associated with C. L. Hamilton in the music business at Carlinville under the title of Hamilton & Meyer. On April 24, 1905, he purchased Mr. Hamilton's interest and has continued the business alone under the name of Meyer's Music House. He maintains a general music store and handles all kinds of musical instruments and musical goods at prices consistent with the quality of merchandise offered.

On the 16th of April, 1872, Mr. Meyer was married to Miss Henrietta Miller, a daughter of Colonel Burchard and Agnes (Hafkenmeyer) Miller. Mrs. Meyer was born at Houston, Texas. Her parents were natives of Germany and both died in Texas before the Civil war. After the death of the mother the daughter Henrietta came to St. Louis and lived with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Gerhardt Droege. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Meyer: Eulalia, who died when she was sixteen years of age; Frank, who died at the age of eighteen months; Henrietta, who married Joseph Scholl, of Carlinville, and is the mother of four children, Marsolette, Rosa Mary, Hubert and Stanley; Rosa, who is a Sister of Mercy and is identified with the Franciscan Order at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Illinois; and Alexander, who assists his father in business. He married Rosa Peek, of Breese, Illinois, and they are the parents of two children, Raymond and Mary Magdalene.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer are both earnest members of the Catholic church. Mrs. Meyer is a highly talented musician and was organist of St. Dominic's church at Breese while her husband was in charge there. She has for twenty-seven years past been organist of St. Joseph's church at Carlinville. Mr. Meyer, as is indicated by the work he has accomplished, is a man of great industry and perseverance. He has made it a principle of his life to do to the best of his ability whatever he undertakes, and as he is thoroughly conscientious, he has won a high place in the esteem of the people of Carlinville. As a teacher he made many personal sacrifices in behalf of his pupils, his chief reward being the approval of his conscience. It is scarcely necessary to say that he is revered by hundreds of young men and women who were inspired to noble lives by his unselfish labors.

JAMES WALKER.

One of the oldest citizens of Scottsville is James Walker, who has passed the seventy-seventh anniversary of his birth, which occurred in Greene county, in the vicinity of Athensville, Illinois, on the 4th of November, 1833. His parents were John A. and Nancy (Hall) Walker, both natives of Nelson county, Kentucky. The father was born on the 15th of January, 1804, and the mother on the 11th of April, 1811. In the paternal line the family is descended from one of three brothers who emigrated to America from Scotland during colonial



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days. One went west, another settled in the east and the third disappeared and was never heard from. Joseph Walker, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Maryland in 1765, whence he migrated to Kentucky about 1780, where he took up government land, settling in the vicinity of Bardstown, in Nelson county, Kentucky. He married Sarah Coons about 1789, both spending the remainder of their lives in the Blue Grass state, where they passed away about 1840. Their son, John A. Walker, came to Illinois, settling on Mova Star creek, six miles east of Jacksonville. He remained there until 1831 and then removed to Greene county, where he entered one hundred and twenty acres of government land. In 1866 he came to Scottsville, Macoupin county, and there lived retired until his death on the 15th of May, 1885, at the age of eighty-two years. He was twice married, his first union being with Miss Nancy Hall in 1825, while residing in Kentucky. She passed away in Greene county, this state, on the 15th of February, 1838, having become the mother of five children: Henry, Nathaniel, Jane, Sarah and James. In 1839 Mr. Walker married Miss Elizabeth Sears, a daughter of Samuel Sears, a farmer of Macoupin county, and one of the pioneer settlers. She also died on the homestead in Greene county, on the 7th of November, 1857. Of this marriage there were born four children: Mary, Samuel, Isabella and Christina. Henry and Nathaniel Walker served in the Mexican war and Nathaniel and Samuel took part in the Civil war.

Upon James Walker devolved all of the hardships which fall to the lot of pioneer farmer lads. At the age of nine years he began assisting in the work of the fields, his summers thereafter being devoted to agricultural pursuits, while in winter he attended a subscription school near by until he had mastered the common branches. In 1852 he left home and went to California in search of gold. The three years there spent in prospecting, however, were not altogether fruitless as upon his return he had sufficient means to become associated with J. J. Sears in the purchase of four hundred and eighteen acres of land, for which they paid eighteen dollars per acre. In 1856 he bought what was known as the Redfern farm and there he has ever since resided. He engages in general farming and stock-raising, while for over forty-five years he has been feeding both cattle and hogs for the market. He is one of the most extensive feeders in the country, using annually from fifteen to twenty-five thousand bushels of corn for this purpose. His shipments each year average one hundred head of cattle and four hundred hogs, most of which go to the Chicago markets but some are sent to New York and Boston. Unusual success has attended his efforts and Mr. Walker is regarded as one of the most successful and prosperous agriculturists of Scottsville township, where he owns five hundred and eighty acres of land.

On the 4th of January, 1858, in Scottsville, the Rev. J. W. Austin made James Walker and Miss China M. Owens man and wife. Mrs. Walker is a daughter of James and Hannah (Van Bebber) Owens. Her father was born in Overton county, Tennessee, his natal day being the 11th of April, 1800, and the mother in Claiborne county, the same state, on the 30th of January, 1802. They came to Illinois in 1837, locating in Sangamon county, where they spent a year and then went to Greene county. After six years' residence in the latter place they came to Macoupin county, purchasing land in Scottsville township.

Here they both passed away, the mother's death occurring on the 17th of August, 1877, and that of the father on the 26th of December, 1878. During the entire period of his active life Mr. Owens devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walker there were born six children: Eugene E., who was the eldest of the family, died on the 15th of July, 1874, at Scottville. Nancy A. married Samuel Hettick, a farmer and stock-raiser in Scottville township, and they have had eight children. Dora A. was married on the 8th of November, 1880, to Albert Ogg, who at that time was farming in Scottville township but is now deceased. He left six children. Fannie M. became the wife of Samuel Hawkins, who died on the 15th of June, 1905, and by whom she had five children, two now deceased. James A., who is farming in Scottville township, was married on the 23d of October, 1895, to Miss Sarah Dugger. Vena Gertrude married Lee Ruyle, also a farmer of Scottville township, and they have two children. Mr. and Mrs. Walker also have seven great-grandchildren, three of Mrs. Hettick's children having married, as follows: Clara, the wife of T. M. Turner, who has two daughters, Mildred and Ruth; Nellie, who married Harry Redfern and has three sons, Ralph, Gilbert and John; and Ruth, the wife of John Edwards, a resident of Bird, who has two children, Samuel and a babe, not yet named. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have been married for fifty-three years and on the 4th of January, 1908, they celebrated their golden wedding.

They are both members of the Christian church, in the faith of which denomination they reared their family. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, belonging to Scottville Lodge, No. 426, A. F. & A. M. He has never taken a very prominent part in political affairs in the township, but has served as trustee and school director, giving his support to the republican party. Mr. Walker has always led an active life and commands the respect and goodwill of all with whom he has been associated in both a business and social way.

WILLIAM M. GROSS, M. D.

Dr. William M. Gross has been for over a third of a century engaged in practice in Macoupin county and during a large part of the time has been located at Gillespie, being now the oldest physician and surgeon of the city. He is a native of Bollinger county, Missouri, born March 24, 1842, a son of Christopher and Sophia (Yount) Gross. The father was a native of Lincoln county, North Carolina, his parents having come to that state from Northampton county, Pennsylvania. At the age of five years he removed with his parents to Bollinger county, Missouri. There he grew to manhood and was married to Sophia Yount, a native of Lincoln county. As the years passed Mr. Gross became one of the successful farmers of Missouri. He died at the age of seventy-nine years, his wife having preceded him long before, when she was only thirty years old. They were both old-school Presbyterians.

William M. Gross was educated in the public schools of St. Francois county, Missouri, and later became a student at Carleton College at Farmington, Missouri. In December, 1863, he started out to see the world, going aboard a vessel at New York city which was bound for the Isthmus of Panama. Crossing the isthmus, he went up the coast in another ship and spent thirteen months in California, a portion of which time he passed in San Joaquin county, later going to Eldorado county and finally to Napa county. He engaged in teaching school and also in mining for gold, as opportunity presented. While in California he cast his first ballot, supporting Abraham Lincoln as president of the United States. In the spring of 1865 he gave up his ambition to become wealthy through search for the yellow metal and returned east via the Isthmus of Panama. In the meantime his parents had removed to Montgomery county, Illinois. The young man taught school for one term and, having selected medicine as his profession, began reading in 1866 under Dr. M. S. Davenport, of Walshville, Illinois. After completing the usual course under competent instruction he became a practitioner in partnership with his preceptor at Walshville, and from the beginning showed an interest in his vocation which indicated a special aptitude for the healing art. In 1869 he removed to Wayne county, Missouri, where he practiced until the fall of 1874. He then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, graduating from that noted institution in February, 1875. Immediately after leaving college he came to Macoupin county and located in the village of Hornsby, where he soon acquired a good patronage. After the death of Dr. Floyd, a prominent physician and Mason of Gillespie, in 1878, Dr. Gross was urgently solicited by a number of business men and citizens to take up his permanent residence in Gillespie and, accordingly, he removed to this place July 10, 1878, having ever since engaged in active practice here. For the past fifteen years, notwithstanding the demands of his profession, he has made a special study of electrical science and is confirmed in the belief that it is possible to extract electricity from the earth. Several years ago he was invited to Blackburn University to lecture on electrical science, and he has gained wide recognition among students of electricity as an original investigator. He is also deeply versed in chemistry and takes a great interest in astrology. He has made many interesting observations and discoveries in the laws of nature of which he may at the proper time make announcement to the world.

In April, 1867, Dr. Gross was married to Miss Mary C. Sitton, of Walshville, and by this union five children were born, namely: Sarah S., who is the wife of Milton Mitchell, a farmer of Macoupin county; Martha F., who married Fred Opie, engineer of mine No. 1, Gillespie; E. Guy, who was educated at Blackburn University and is now engaged in the brokerage business at St. Louis; Herbert A., a graduate of the Gillespie public schools, who is now identified with the St. Louis Refrigerating & Cold Storage Company, being practically at the head of that business; and Dean I., at home.

Dr. Gross was called upon to mourn the loss of his beloved wife April 16, 1906. She was a woman possessed of many rare qualities of mind and heart, and her death was deeply regretted by the entire community. She was a valued member of the Baptist church, with which her husband is also connected.

Politically the Doctor is identified with the republican party and, although he has never sought public office, he served with marked ability as a member of the school board for a number of years. He is a member of Gillespie Lodge, No. 214, A. F. & A. M., and also of the Order of the Eastern Star, with which his wife was connected. He has a host of friends throughout Macoupin county and stands very high among his professional brethren, having been for many years a member of the state and county medical societies. He served in 1907 as president of the Macoupin County Medical Society. In his various duties as a professional man and private citizen Dr. Gross has shown an unusual capacity and ranks as one of the leaders whose efforts are always directed toward the upbuilding of the best interests of his fellowmen.

H. C. DETTMERS.

A continuous residence of forty-seven years in Illinois has given H. C. Dettmers the opportunity of becoming thoroughly acquainted with the resources of the state, and being a man of good business sagacity, he applied himself in such a way as to become financially independent. He acquired an established reputation as a competent and reliable business man and he and his wife are now living retired in the enjoyment of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life, in a beautiful home which occupies forty acres in Cahokia township. He is a native of Hanover, Germany, born August 14, 1843, a son of George and Mary Elizabeth (Johnson) Dettmers, both of whom were born in Germany. The mother died in the old country but the father came to America in the '70s and died in Macoupin county about 1893.

H. C. Dettmers grew to maturity in his native land and there received a good common school education. In 1865, at the close of the Civil war, when many bright young men were attracted to the northern states from foreign countries, he decided to cast his lot with the republic and, accordingly, crossed the ocean, landing at New York April 12th of the year named. He came direct to Alton, Illinois, and readily secured employment in the mercantile establishment of Joe Sting & Sachtleben. He gave such good satisfaction to his employers that he continued with the firm for thirty-one years, a record of faithful service that has seldom been equaled in this part of the country.

In 1868 Mr. Dettmers was married to Miss Mary Trintje and to this union six children were born, four of whom survive, George, Herman, Mary and Minnie. The mother of these children died January 15, 1902, and in October, 1902, Mr. Dettmers was married to Mrs. Henry Cordum, whose maiden name was Miss Rika Mohlman. She is a native of Germany and a daughter of Richard and Wuebke (Bruns) Mohlman. The father died in Germany about 1851 and in 1866 the mother came to America with her family of six children, locating at Gillespie, Illinois. The daughter Rika was married at Gillespie in 1868 to Henry Cordum, also a native of Germany and a son of Louis Cordum who came to the United States with his family when the son Henry was a small boy and settled in Macoupin county, Illinois. Here Henry grew to manhood and beginning practically

without a dollar, acquired two hundred and forty acres of land in one of the most productive regions in Macoupin county. He died in 1893, leaving his family in affluent circumstances. He was a democrat in political affiliation but never an office seeker, although highly influential in party councils. He served for many years as a member of the school board and also was an active worker in the Lutheran church and a liberal contributor to religious and charitable objects. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Cordum were nine children, six of whom are now living, namely: Louis, a farmer of Cahokia township; Henry, a merchant of Gillespie; Fred and Edward, who are also engaged in farming in Cahokia township; Hannah, the wife of John Weyen, of Cahokia township; and Minnie, who married W. Osterkamp, also of Cahokia township.

After the marriage of Mr. Dettmers to Mrs. Cordum they lived for a year at Alton and since that time have resided in their home in the country, Mr. Dettmers having retired from active business affairs. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows, being also a member of the Alton Turnverein. A man of fine address and genial characteristics, he can claim many friends in Macoupin county. Mrs. Dettmers is a woman of many admirable and attractive traits of character and the home over which she presides is one of the pleasantest in this section, being the abode of cheerfulness and hospitality.

H. H. WILLOUGHBY.

The legal profession is most creditably represented at Staunton by H. H. Willoughby who has engaged in practice in Illinois for fourteen years and has gained a splendid reputation as a safe counselor and successful advocate. He is a native of this state and was born in St. Clair county on a farm four miles north of Summerfield, February 10, 1868, a son of A. L. and Mary (Ensminger) Willoughby. The father was born at Felton, Kent county, Delaware, in 1821 and came west in 1834. He lived for a while at Springfield, Illinois, and later engaged in farming near Caseyville and also near Troy. In 1875 he moved to Montgomery county where he continued until his death, in 1886. The mother was born in Madison county, Illinois, and was married to Mr. Willoughby in that county. She is now living with her daughter at Piasa. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby were five children: Lester, a farmer of St. Paul, Nebraska; Millard, of Alton, Kansas; H. H., of this review; Charles, a barber of Edwardsville; and Alice, who married Elbert Wagoner, of Piasa, Illinois.

H. H. Willoughby possessed advantages of education in the public schools, but at eighteen years of age, on account of the death of his father, was thrown upon his own resources. Being determined to carry his studies further, he worked for his board and continued his attendance at school. His uncle finally advanced the money necessary for paying his expenses for a three years' course at the Central Normal College, of Danville, Indiana. After leaving college Mr. Willoughby taught school for two years at Nokomis, Montgomery county, Illinois, and had entered upon his third year as a teacher when he resigned in order to accept

a position as deputy sheriff of Hillsboro, in which office he continued for four years. While teaching school he began the study of law under Thomas Jett, of Nokomis. Mr. Jett moved to Hillsboro and Mr. Willoughby there continued his studies under the same preceptorship, being admitted to the bar in 1897. He practiced at Hillsboro for one year and then went to Granite City, being the first lawyer to open an office in that place. After twelve years in Granite City, feeling the importance of larger opportunities, he took up his residence in Staunton where he has been actively engaged in practice since 1910. He has shown marked capacity for his profession and is accorded an extensive clientage. Professionally he is identified with the Illinois Bar Association. He owns one of the finest residences in the city and is also extensively interested in real estate.

In 1897 Mr. Willoughby was married to Miss Ruth Sharp and to this union one son, Harold S., was born. The mother died in 1901 and in 1907 Mr. Willoughby was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Hattie Bird of Staunton.

In politics he is a stanch adherent of the republican party. He has never served in any office except that of corporation counsel of Granite City, a position which he filled most acceptably for four years. His religious belief is indicated by membership in the Baptist church and he is also a valued member of the Knights of Pythias of Granite City. His life has been directed along constructive and optimistic lines and the success he has achieved is the result of an inborn energy and perseverance which have enabled him to overcome many difficulties. Progrèssive, tolerant and receptive to the truth from whatsoever source it may come, he is always to be depended upon to assist in movements aiming to promote the best interests of the community. His life has been replete with good deeds and kind acts and although he is still comparatively a young man, he has won the confidence and approbation of his fellows and may look forward to many years of increasing responsibility.

FRED G. DROSTE.

Fred G. Droste, secretary of the Keiser-Niemeyer Mercantile Company of Mount Olive and one of the best known business men of Macoupin county, was born in Hanover, Germany, September 1, 1859. He is a son of Frederick J. and Charlotte (Kroger) Droste, both of whom were born in Hanover. The mother died in the old country about 1897, but the father is still living at the age of eighty-six years, being remarkably well preserved for one so far advanced in life. He devoted his attention to farming during his active years and his son Ernest now is in charge of the old home place.

Mr. Droste of this review was reared under the parental roof and secured his preliminary education in the schools of his native land. In 1880, after passing his twentieth year, he emigrated to the United States with his brother H. H. They landed in New York city and from that place traveled west to St. Louis, which they reached on the 21st of April. There they met a brother, Henry, who had preceded them to this country about ten years and was well established

in business. The two young men took up their residence with their elder brother, and became students of the Mound City Commercial College, from which they were graduated in April, 1881. After leaving this institution Mr. Droste of this review entered the employ of the Mount Olive Coal Company in St. Louis, of which C. J. Keiser of Mount Olive was president. After a short time Mr. Droste was offered a position in the Keiser-Niemeyer Company's store at Mount Olive, which he accepted, and has ever since been a resident of this place. He served for two years as bookkeeper and then, in 1883, associated with F. H. Reuter and purchased the mercantile business of F. W. Hartke, which they conducted for two years under the firm name of Droste & Reuter. In 1885 they disposed of their business to the Keiser-Niemeyer Company, after which this company was reorganized and incorporated as the Keiser-Niemeyer Mercantile Company, of which Mr. Droste was a stockholder, being also elected secretary of the new organization. He has ever since served in this capacity. It is the largest mercantile establishment in Macoupin county and a goodly share of its success may be attributed to the zeal and ability of Mr. Droste. In addition to his interest in the mercantile business he owns a beautiful farm of two hundred and twenty acres, adjoining the town, upon which he makes his home. He specializes in raising pure-bred Berkshire hogs and has just reason to take pride in his herd, as it is one of the finest of the kind in this part of the state. He also owns various properties in Mount Olive, among them being the first house that was built in the town.

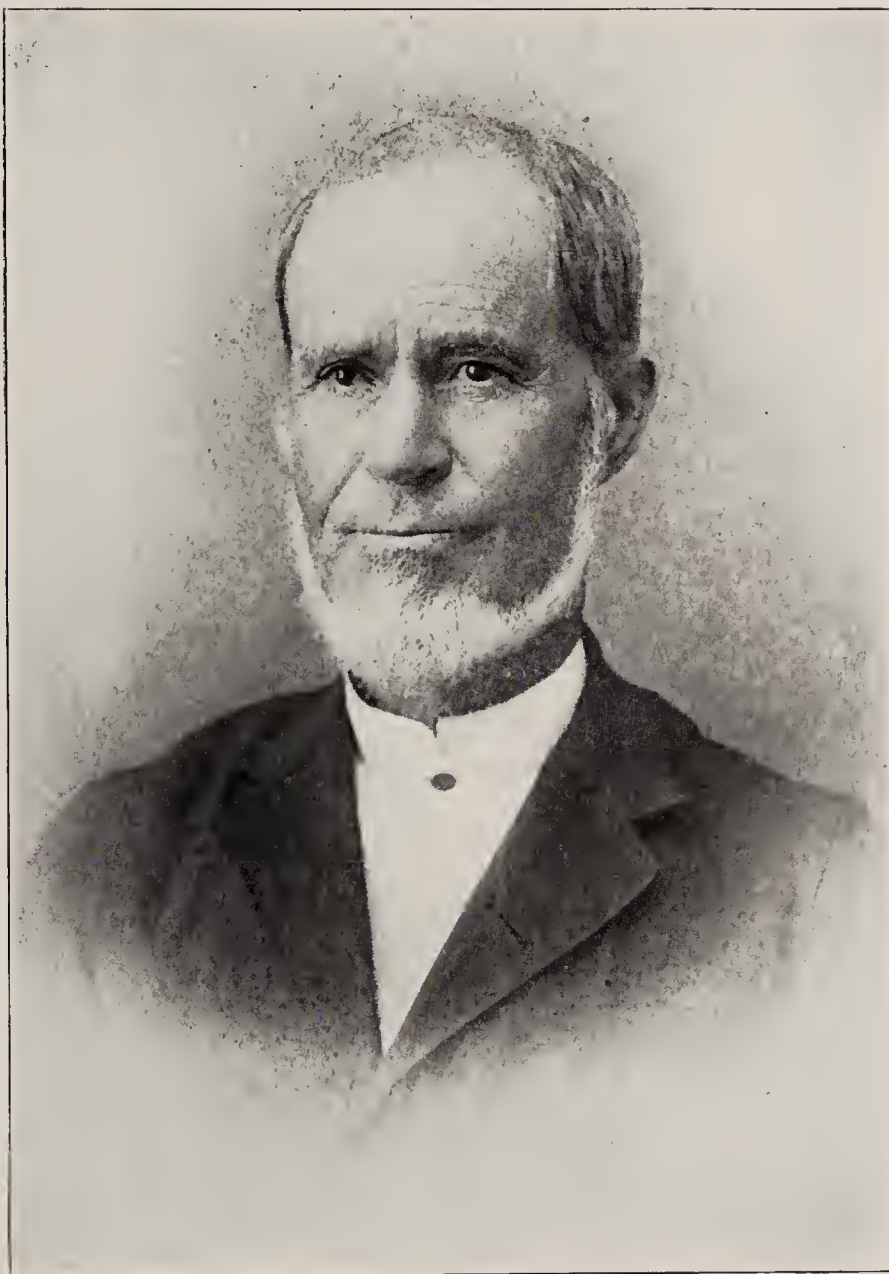
In 1883 Mr. Droste was united in marriage to Miss Johanna Arkebauer, a native of Mount Olive and a daughter of Meint Arkebauer, who was one of the pioneers of Mount Olive. He laid out one of the first additions to the town and about eighty acres of his original farm is now included within the limits of Mount Olive. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Droste, eight of whom survive, namely: Hedwick, who is the wife of Rev. H. Marting, of Downs, Kansas; Anna, who is a graduate of the Mount Olive high school; Frieda and Otto, who also graduated from the Mount Olive high school; Clara; Irwin; Alma, and Frederick. All of the children are home except the eldest daughter. The mother of these children died May 24, 1908, and on the 7th of November, 1909, Mr. Droste was married to Miss Sophia Remmert, a daughter of Henry Remmert. The father was among the pioneers of Mount Olive and laid out an addition of forty acres to the town. Politically Mr. Droste gives his adherence to the republican party. He and his wife are valued members of the Lutheran church, of which he is one of the trustees. He is greatly interested in education and is giving all of his children the advantage of a high-school training. He has just reason to be proud of the attainments of his daughter Clara, who stood highest in examination of eighth grade pupils in the county. The test was taken by two hundred and sixty pupils from all parts of the county, her average being ninety-five and one-tenth per cent. She was born March 26, 1896, and attended the parochial school of the German Evangelical church in Mount Olive until about two years ago. She then entered the seventh grade in the city school, and showed remarkable aptitude during the remainder of her attendance at the public schools, which covered eighteen months. A local paper said of her: "Miss Droste is an accomplished little lady, a great reader, popular and highly

esteemed among all her friends and schoolmates, and modestly bears the honor she has brought to Mount Olive as being the first from that place to make the highest grade at the eighth-grade examination in Macoupin county."

PROFESSOR JOHN DYKEMAN CONLEY.

Professor John Dykeman Conley, after devoting many years to educational work, in which field he proved particularly successful as an instructor of the sciences, is now living quietly at Carlinville, where he is engaged in the breeding and raising of fine chickens. His life history had its beginning in Brockport, Monroe county, New York, September 14, 1843, his parents being John Ward and Pamela E. (Johnson) Conley, natives of Springfield, Massachusetts, and of Madison county, New York, respectively. The former was a son of John Conley, who lived in Springfield, Massachusetts. He died in early manhood, leaving a widow and only child, John. Mrs. Conley, who in her maidenhood had been Miss Warner was married again and had children by the second union. The maternal grandfather of Professor Conley was William F. Johnson, a native of Saratoga county, New York, and a son of a soldier of the war of 1812. He married Miss Lucy Hamlin, whose ancestry can be traced back to James Hamlin in the year 1639. James Hamlin came from London, England, and located in Barnstable, Massachusetts, in the spring of that year. William F. Johnson made farming his life work and passed away in Madison county, New York. Unto him and his wife were born five children, Pamela, Jane, Mariette, Darius H. and William Henry Harrison Johnson. Of these Pamela E. became the wife of John Ward Conley. In his youthful days John W. Conley became a boatman on the Erie canal and afterward engaged in the grocery business in Canastota, New York. He was also at one time vice president of a boatmen's organization of New York. He died in Canastota in 1903, at the age of eighty-eight years and nine months, having for sixteen years survived his wife, who passed away October 17, 1887, at the age of sixty-six years and six months.

Professor John Dykeman Conley, whose name introduces this review, was reared in Canastota, New York, and was graduated from the State Normal School at Albany in 1863. He afterward devoted many years to the profession of teaching, serving as principal of a school at Roslyn, Long Island, the home of William Cullen Bryant, from 1863 until 1865. Desirous of promoting his own education, he then matriculated in Hamilton College, of New York, and was graduated A. B. in 1869. During his college days he became a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon. Later his alma mater conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree and Blackburn University, of Carlinville, the Ph. D. degree. In 1869 he supplied the professorship of natural sciences in Blackburn University, holding that chair until 1887, when he became professor of chemistry and geology and vice president of the State University of Wyoming at Laramie, where he remained until 1896, acting as president during a portion of that time. Since this Professor Conley has been teaching chemistry and geology in Blackburn University. His educational work has been of a superior order; the geological charts



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which he has published are among the best that have appeared on that subject, and he possessed one of the most complete geological cabinets of the country. On the 1st of January, 1909, he donated this geological collection to Hamilton College of New York, of whose board of trustees Elihu Root is now president.

In the raising of fine chickens Professor Conley is meeting with the same success which he won in his professional connection. He is now proprietor of the Evergreen Hill Poultry Farm. From his boyhood he has been an admirer of pure bred chickens and more than thirty years ago won first prize on Brown Leghorns at a Macoupin county fair. During the last five years he has made a specialty of Barred Rocks and Single Comb Rhode Island Reds, but is now devoting his attention largely to the Rhode Island Reds for he believes their laying qualities are better than the other breeds. His scientific knowledge has enabled him to test many theories in practice and he produces results which have made him the winner of many premiums in strong competitions. Upon his place he has various prize-winning birds and his fame as a raiser of high grade poultry has spread far and wide.

On the 20th of March, 1873, Professor Conley was married to Miss Virginia C. Mayo, a native of Carlinville and a daughter of Samuel T. and Elizabeth (Palmer) Mayo. Her paternal grandfather was Lewis Mayo, a native of Virginia, who made farming his life occupation and died March 25, 1866. Her father was born in the Old Dominion and after arriving at years of maturity wedded Elizabeth Palmer, a native of Kentucky and a sister of Governor John M. Palmer. Her father, Louis D. Palmer, was born in Northumberland county, Virginia, June 3, 1781, and married Ann Hansford Tutt, a native of Culpeper county, Virginia, where her parents, Louis and Isabella (Yancey) Tutt, were born about 1750. Their ancestors were early settlers of Virginia, the Tutts coming from England and the Yanceys from Wales. Louis D. Palmer and his first wife, Ann Hansford Tutt Palmer, had seven sons and one daughter, Elihu, John M., Winfield Scott, LeRoy A., Louis Frank, Charles J., George and Elizabeth Ann. After losing his first wife Louis D. Palmer married again and had three children, Julia, Henry and Quincy. Of the first marriage Elizabeth Palmer became the wife of Samuel T. Mayo. They were early settlers of Carlinville, where in 1849 they erected a fine residence which is now one of the well known landmarks of the city. Mr. Mayo became the possessor of large landed interests and was a man of prominence and influence in the community. At the old home which he built in 1849 he passed away, November 20, 1906, at the age of eighty-eight years, while his wife died in June, 1899, at the age of seventy-four years. They were the parents of seven children, one who died in infancy; Virginia C.; Florence E., the deceased wife of James M. Towey; Elizabeth, who has also passed away; Louisa M., the wife of Edward A. Gilbert, former lieutenant governor of Nebraska; Carrie Palmer, who married Samuel Rinaker, a lawyer of Beatrice, Nebraska; and Walter S., residing in Holtville, California.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Conley was blessed with two children, John Mayo and Florence Elizabeth. The former is now a practicing physician of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He married Beatrice Mary Roche and they had two children, Virginia Mayo and Richard Palmer. Florence Elizabeth Conley is now

the wife of George Vincent Learned, of Seattle, Washington, and they have one son, John Hamlin Learned.

Professor Conley belongs to the Episcopal church and his wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He also affiliates with Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., and is in sympathy with the teachings and tenets of the craft. His political views find expression in the support which he gives to the democratic party at the polls and he has been more or less active in local political circles, serving from 1880 until 1886 as alderman of Carlinville, and again from 1906 until 1909, in which connection he has done effective work for the substantial development and improvement of the city. He is usually found where the intelligent men of the community are gathered in the discussion of the vital and important problems that affect the political, economic and sociological interests of the country, and his cooperation can always be counted upon for the support of projects which involve the welfare, stability and progress of the community.

WILLIAM G. BARTELS.

Business interests of Carlinville find no more worthy representative than William G. Bartels, president of the Carlinville Coal Company, one of the important enterprises of this section, which has been developed through his energy and practical judgment. He was born at Carlinville, March 2, 1858, a son of Henry and Minnie (Lereke) Bartels, both of whom were natives of Hanover, Germany. In their family were eight children, two sons and six daughters, two of whom lived to maturity: Dora, who married John Stadler and is now deceased; and William G. The father of our subject was born and reared in Germany and became a millwright. He emigrated to America in 1854 and settled at Carlinville, Illinois, where he followed carpentering until 1869. He then opened a coal mine south of town which he operated successfully, retiring from active labor in 1883. He died in 1895, at the age of seventy-nine years, his wife having preceded him six months at the age of seventy-three. They were both consistent members of the German Evangelical church. The paternal grandfather of our subject spent his entire life in Germany. He was a carpenter by trade and served in the army in the war of 1848. The grandfather on the maternal side came to America and died at Carlinville, at the age of eighty-three years, his wife also passing away at an advanced age. They had three children: Frederick, a farmer in the American Bottom near Venice, who was murdered by negroes; Minnie, the mother of our subject; and a son who died in Germany.

William G. Bartels received his preliminary education in the public schools and later attended Blackburn University. At sixteen years of age he began working as a coal miner. He also mined coal at Virden for one year. He had charge of his father's business until 1883 and in September of that year began business on his own account. He sank a shaft five blocks south of the public square, which he operated until 1891, when he entered into partnership with John C. Anderson and W. L. Mounts and purchased the Consolidated Coal Company's mine at the north end of town. W. H. Behrens bought Mr. Mount's interest and the mine

is now conducted as the Carlinville Coal Company, Inc., with W. G. Bartels as president and general manager; W. H. Behrens, secretary, and John C. Anderson, treasurer. The company employs one hundred and fifty men when the mine is in full operation and is one of the highly flourishing concerns of the city. Mr. Bartels also owns a well improved farm of four hundred acres in Bird township, which he has been conducting for sixteen years, and is a stockholder in the Carlinville National Bank.

On the 13th of September, 1883, he was married to Miss Emma Singelmann, a native of Carlinville and a daughter of Henry and Louise Singelmann. To this union four children have been born: Ida, who married Louis Braun and died January 25, 1910, leaving a little daughter who died soon after birth; Leonora, who became the wife of Dr. Motley, of Virden, and has one son, Ernest G.; Lelia, who possesses unusual musical talent and is a fine violinist, performing most acceptably before large audiences; and Henry, who is now a student in the high school. The parents of Mrs. Bartels were born in Hanover, Germany, and were early settlers of Carlinville. The father died in 1900, at the age of sixty-six, and the mother is also deceased. They had four children, Augusta, Amalia, Emma and Bernhard.

Mr. Bartels and his wife are members of the German Evangelical church and he is a liberal contributor to religious and all other worthy causes. In politics he is a republican and has served as a member of the city council three terms, school director two years and township collector one term. He is numbered among the prominent men of Macoupin county and in business affairs has shown a fairness and reliability that have gained for him the confidence of all with whom he has come into contact. On account of his genuine personal worth he is greatly esteemed and no history of Macoupin county would be complete without a record of his life.

WILLIAM B. SHOWALTER.

Ex-soldiers of the Civil war are still to be met with as honored members of every community of any importance in the land, although nearly half a century has elapsed since the close of the great conflict in which they participated. Among this number is William B. Showalter, of Hilyard township, who is now in his seventy-ninth year but still continues upon his farm and is in the enjoyment of health and strength to a remarkable degree for one of his age. He was born in Wayne county, Ohio, November 1, 1832, a son of Samuel and Sarah Jane (Blue) Showalter. The father was born in the Alleghany mountains in Pennsylvania and the mother in Virginia. He removed to Wayne county, Ohio, with his parents and there engaged in farming until 1839, when he came with his family to Lawrence county, Illinois. He moved to Alton in 1844 but finally took up his residence in Macoupin county in 1860. Here he passed the remainder of his days. He died in 1881, his wife having been called away at Alton in 1858. The father and two of his sons responded to the call of President Lincoln for soldiers at the time of the Civil war and valiantly defended a cause in which they believed with all their hearts. Samuel Showalter enlisted

at Alton, Illinois, and served for three years. In his family were five sons and three daughters, three of whom are now living, namely: William B., of this review; Thomas, who makes his home with his brother William B.; and David, of Springfield, Illinois, who served in the Thirty-second Illinois Infantry throughout the entire war.

At the age of seven years William B. Showalter arrived in Illinois with his parents and in the public schools of this state he received his preliminary education. He has been a resident of Macoupin county since 1860 except while serving in behalf of the Union. He enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Forty-fourth Illinois Volunteers, and on the very first day of his enlistment was assigned to the secret service department and continued in this duty during the war. He proved remarkably active and efficient as a representative of one of the highly important departments of the government and arrested one hundred and thirty-three persons, all but two of whom were found guilty of the charges which were brought against them. He was honorably mustered out of service at Springfield, Illinois, and returned to Macoupin county, where he has ever since engaged in farming. He is the owner of a well improved place of one hundred and sixty acres, which he purchased in 1877, and is recognized as one of the substantial men of the township.

On the 9th of April, 1854, at Godfrey, Madison county, Illinois, Mr. Showalter was married to Miss Charlotte Wilkins. She was born in England in 1835 and came with her parents to America, the father locating on a farm in Madison county, Illinois. Mrs. Showalter died January 15, 1899. There were no children born to this union but Mr. and Mrs. Showalter reared six orphans, who were given every desirable opportunity of education and training, thus making them useful and honorable members of the community. Mr. Showalter was again married in March, 1900, his second union being with Mrs. Emma J. Atkins, who was born in Wisconsin. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania and were among the early settlers of Illinois.

Mr. Showalter has for many years been identified with the Methodist church and in politics is in hearty accord with the republican party, the principles of which he espoused at the time of the Civil war. As a soldier for the Union he proved his patriotism, and his love for the flag has never wavered. He can look back on a long life of activity and usefulness and now in his declining days he enjoys the friendship and confidence of his neighbors and the satisfaction of feeling that he has been instrumental to the extent of his ability in promoting happiness and good will among men.

WILLIAM KLAUS.

William Klaus, a prominent farmer of Honey Point township, who has gained high standing through the application of ability and energy that would have won success for him in any honorable calling, is a native of Nilwood township and was born March 23, 1870. He is a son of George and Theresa (Netz) Klaus, the former of whom was born in France and the latter in Germany.

The father learned the shoemaker's trade in his native country, but, desiring to spend his life under more favorable conditions for advancement than he perceived in an old and long settled country, emigrated to America in the latter part of the '50s and opened a shoe shop at Auburn, Illinois. A few years later he came to Macoupin county and conducted a shop at Nilwood. After accumulating the necessary money he purchased eighty acres of land in Nilwood township, upon which he established his home, and here continued until his death in 1884. The mother arrived in America in her girlhood and was married to Mr. Klaus at Auburn, Illinois. She survived her husband until 1903, having in the meantime continued to live upon the old homestead.

There were nine children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. George Klaus, namely: Charles and George, both of whom are engaged in farming in Nilwood township; Emma, who is the wife of Ferdinand Winters, president of the Nilwood State Bank; Katie, the wife of August Schoope, a farmer of Nilwood township; Mary, who married William S. Talley, who is also engaged in farming in Nilwood township; William, of this review; Frank, a farmer of Carlinville township; and Walter and Albert, twins, the former of whom is engaged in farming in Nilwood township and the latter a ranchman living on the Circle ranch in Montana.

During his boyhood William Klaus attended the district schools and performed his part in assisting about the house and on the home farm as a member of a large and growing family. After the death of his father he continued on the home place and did not begin farming on his own account until twenty-six years of age. He then rented a place for one year near Fairville, at the end of which time he moved to Nilwood township and continued renting for three years. In 1899 he took up his residence on sections 6 and 7 of Honey Point township, where he acquired one hundred and sixty acres from Charles L. Moore. He has since increased his landholdings by eighty acres and is now the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres. He engages in general farming and raises good grades of cattle, hogs and sheep, all of the heads of his herds being registered stock. He disposes of his stock to the shippers and generally receives a fair price for what he has to sell. His farm is well improved, has a good orchard and all of the land is capable of cultivation.

On the 26th of October, 1896, Mr. Klaus was married, at Carlinville, to Miss Dena M. Hacke, a daughter of Henry and Dena (Keune) Hacke. The parents were both born in Germany but were married in the United States, and Mr. Hacke engaged in farming east of Carlinville. Subsequently he purchased three hundred and twenty acres in Carlinville township, one and one-fourth miles east of town, and made his home upon this place until his death, which occurred in 1880. Mrs. Hacke is now living in Carlinville. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Klaus, namely: Laurine, Harold, Herbert, Mildred, Russell and Theresa, all of whom are at home. The four eldest of the children are attending the Oakland district school of Honey Point township.

In politics Mr. Klaus is a supporter of the republican party. He has never aspired to public office but has served for twelve years past as school director of the Oakland district school. He is not identified with any religious denomination but his wife is a member of the German Evangelical church at Carlinville.

Fraternally he is connected with Womac Lodge of the Court of Honor, his wife being also a member of this organization. He is a public-spirited man and takes a helpful interest in measures for advancing the general good. His success may be attributed to his industry and progressiveness—two qualities that are almost invariably characteristic of all who accomplish worthy objects in life.

JOSEPH WATERMEIER.

Joseph Watermeier, who was born May 2, 1877, on the farm where he now lives, is one of the active and progressive men of Brushy Mound township. He owns the old family homestead, which also includes thirty acres of valuable timber land, and has made such excellent use of his opportunities that each year witnesses marked increase in his prosperity. He is a son of Lawrence and Annie (Mehl) Watermeier, the former of whom was born in the duchy of Prussia, Germany, and the latter in the grand duchy of Baden, Germany. He emigrated to America in 1864 and made his home at Belleville, Illinois, where he rented a farm of one hundred acres. In 1876 he came to Macoupin county and purchased seventy acres on section 2 of Brushy Mound township, upon which he established his homestead. A few years later he acquired one hundred and thirty-seven acres lying across the road east of his original purchase, and he also became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of good land in Dorchester township, which was a few years ago sold by his heirs. He died January 29, 1904, having gained a position as one of the most substantial farmers in this part of the county. Mrs. Watermeier is still living and makes her home with two of her daughters in Carlinville. In the family were six children: Joseph, of this review; Anton, who is now living with his brother Joseph; Mary, who resides at Edgewood, Illinois; Christina, who died at the age of eighteen years; and Annie and Catharine, twins, who are living with their mother.

Joseph Watermeier attended the district schools of the township and also possessed the advantage of two years' study in the German schools at Carlinville. He remained on the homestead and after the death of his father took charge of the farm, which comprises upwards of two hundred acres. He raises the grains adapted to the soil and climate of this region and has proved himself to be a good agriculturist, his crops comparing favorably with the best in the neighborhood. He also feeds stock for the market with highly satisfactory results, his early experiences having thoroughly qualified him for all departments of farm management.

On the 28th of June, 1904, Mr. Watermeier was married to Miss Annie Schaefer, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Becker) Schaefer, and to this union two children were born: Charles, who died in infancy; and Mary Rosalia, whose natal day was April 25, 1911. Mr. Schaefer, the father of Mrs. Watermeier, engaged for many years in farming in Carlinville township. He retired from active labors in 1910 and is now living with his wife in Carlinville. They are the parents of three children: Annie, now Mrs. Joseph Watermeier; Adam, who

married Miss Gertie Bomcamp, of Carlinville, and is now in charge of the old home place; and Rosalia, who is at home.

In politics Mr. Watermeier is a staunch adherent of the principles of the democratic party but has never sought political office. He is an ardent friend of education and is now serving for the sixth year as member of the school board of district No. 105 of Brushy Mound township. He and his wife were reared in the faith of the Roman Catholic church and are active members of the church at Carlinville. He is also identified with the Western Catholic Union at Quincy, Illinois, while his wife is a member of the Ladies' Sodality of St. Joseph's Catholic church. In his business dealings Mr. Watermeier has always been strictly upright and honorable. He is happy in his work and has earned the respect of all with whom he comes into contact either in business or social relations.

GEORGE BAUER.

George Bauer, who ranks as one of the successful farmers of Macoupin county and is now serving as a member of the board of county supervisors, is a native of Western Mound township. He was born September 9, 1863, a son of Ludwick and Mary (Weber) Bauer, the former of whom was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, September 16, 1818. The father was married in the old country and came with his family to the United States after three of his children were born. He arrived in Macoupin county in the pioneer days and located in Western Mound township, purchasing thirty acres of brush land which he improved and developed into a productive farm. As the years passed he acquired more land and became the owner of three hundred and sixty acres in this county. He was a self-made man and won his way to a prominent place in the community by indefatigable perseverance and industry. Religiously he was identified with the Lutheran church and politically he affiliated with the democratic party. He died February 22, 1896, being then in his seventy-eighth year. The mother of our subject was born in Germany, August 6, 1821. She died in 1877, at the age of about fifty-six years, and is buried beside her husband at Asbury chapel. In their family were seven children: Leonard, who is now engaged in farming in the southwestern part of Missouri; Elizabeth, the wife of Robert Adams, of Greenfield, Illinois; Jacob, a farmer of Western Mound township; Lewis W., also of Western Mound township; Philip, deceased; Mary, who married A. J. Smith, of St. Louis, Missouri; and George, of this review.

Mr. Bauer, whose name introduces this sketch, received his early education in the district schools of Western Mound township and later carried his studies further at Shurtliff College. He assisted his father upon the home farm until twenty-one years of age and then took charge of the place which he cultivated to good advantage for six years. At the end of the time named he purchased two hundred and sixty acres on sections 10 and 15 of Western Mound township, upon which he has made all the improvements. The appearance of his farm indicates that he understands his business thoroughly and is one of the highly successful farmers of this section. He pays special attention to feeding live stock for the

markets at St. Louis and Chicago and is one of the reliable shippers from the township. In addition to his farming interests he is a stockholder in the First National Bank at Greenfield.

On the 9th of February, 1888, Mr. Bauer was married to Miss Bridget Reddington, who was born in Western Mound township July 4, 1863, a daughter of John and Bridget (Conners) Reddington. The father was born in County Galway, Ireland, February 2, 1831, and the mother in County Tipperary, November 12, 1843. The father died March 14, 1903, and the mother was called away February 9, 1909. They were among the settlers of Western Mound township and gained many friends by their genial social qualities. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer are the parents of seven children, namely: Maurice M., who was born September 6, 1889; Amelia B., born December 14, 1890; M. Loretta, born March 6, 1893; Florence, born March 9, 1895; Mabel, born November 17, 1899; Clara, born October 19, 1901; and Veronica P., born December 21, 1903.

Mr. Bauer ascribes his success in life very largely to the fact that ever since his marriage, he has conducted his business on a cash basis. He and his wife agreed never to contract any financial obligations, a resolution to which they have closely adhered. He believes that the habit of asking for credit is detrimental to the progress of any man and that a large proportion of the ills of humanity would vanish if the credit system were entirely eliminated. There are many persons who entirely agree with him in this belief. Politically he supports the democratic party. He has served for two terms as county supervisor, having proved an honest and efficient public servant, and is still holding the office, this being the only public position he has ever occupied. He and his wife are consistent members of the Catholic church and fraternally he is identified with the camp of Modern Woodmen of America at Hagaman.

HORACE BASCOM WARNER.

One of Macoupin county's thrifty and capable agriculturists, now living retired, is Horace Bascom Warner, of Chesterfield township. His birth occurred at Vermontville, Michigan, on the 18th of October, 1842, his parents being William Willis and Harriet Naomi (Bascom) Warner. The father was born at Rutledge, Vermont, on the 19th of April, 1816, a son of William and Nancy (Hall) Warner. The mother was a daughter of Joseph Bascom, of Newport, New Hampshire, her natal day being the 26th of November, 1821. Mr. Bascom, who was a tanner by trade, spent his last years at Uxbridge, Canada, where he passed away in February, 1875. The paternal grandfather, William Warner, was born in Vermont on the 6th of May, 1769, and there he spent the early years of his life. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Nancy Hall, died in that state. Subsequently he joined a colony of Vermont people, who removed to Michigan, settling at a place now known as Vermontville. There he entered government land, in the cultivation of which he engaged until his death on the 12th of June, 1842. William W. Warner was married in Vermontville on the 26th of June, 1841, to Miss Bascom, and by this union



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eleven children were born, the son Horace Bascom being the eldest of the family. The others in order of birth are as follows: Joseph Edwin, who died in early youth; Mary Abigail, the deceased wife of James Sackett, of Vermontville; Emma Jane, the deceased wife of Bradley Willey, of Pewamo, Michigan; Asa John, who is living in Vermontville; Charles Joseph, who is cultivating the old homestead in Vermontville; Sarah Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Ernest E. Rosekrans, of Auburn, Michigan; Ella Naomi, the deceased wife of Levi Bottomley, of Chester, Michigan; William Willis, a resident of Saginaw, Michigan; Harriet, the second wife of Ernest E. Rosekrans; and Luna A., who married Willey O. Hines, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The early years of Horace Bascom Warner were spent on the Michigan homestead in a manner very similar to those of other youths of the pioneer period. After the completion of his public school course he entered Olivet College, at Olivet, Michigan. While a student there the Civil war broke out, and in common with many of his patriotic classmates he responded to the nation's call, enlisting in Company H, Fourth Michigan Volunteer Cavalry. His regiment reported at Jeffersonville, Indiana, where they were equipped for service, then joined the Army of the Cumberland under General Buell in General Thomas' corps. His first experience as a soldier was obtained at Perryville, Kentucky, and later he participated in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga and Atlanta. His regiment assisted in driving Hood's army back into Tennessee and subsequently spent four days in battle at Franklin, that state. They joined Wilson's Cavalry in their famous raid through Georgia and Alabama in 1865, and to Mr. Warner belongs the distinction of having been a member of the corps that captured Jefferson Davis. At Rome, Georgia, he was promoted to corporal and two days later was made quartermaster sergeant. He was mustered out at Nashville, receiving his discharge at Detroit.

Immediately following his return home he became a wage earner and for two years worked by the month as a farm hand. At the expiration of that period he went to Ottawa, Kansas, where he pre-empted land that he cultivated for three years. He then came to Illinois to be married and immediately returned to Kansas with his bride, settling in Sedgwick county, in the vicinity of Wichita, where he homesteaded a quarter section. In 1873 he returned to Illinois and operated rented land in Chesterfield township, Macoupin county. This proved sufficiently lucrative to enable him to later purchase a seventy acre tract adjoining a piece of similar size presented to Mrs. Warner by her father. Here he has since continuously resided, having, until his retirement, devoted his attention to general farming and stock-raising. His farm is one of the attractive places of the Challacombe settlement, so called from the family that owns the majority of the land in the vicinity. His house stands on the side of a hill overlooking the Macoupin creek, commanding an extensive view of all the valley round with its well tilled fields, green pastures, lanes and neat, substantial residences.

On the 27th of October, 1870, Mr. Warner was married to Miss Isabella Challacombe, who passed away on the 24th of December, 1904. Mrs. Warner was born and reared in this locality, being a daughter of Nicholas Challacombe, who is mentioned at greater length in the sketch of his son John William Chal-

lacombe, which appears on another page of this work. Four children were born Mr. and Mrs. Warner: Hervey Edwin, living at Challacombe, who married Florence Hartwell and has four children; Grace Isabella, who died in infancy; Ray Elden, also a resident of Challacombe, who married Harriet Richardson and has one child; and Stella Naomi, who is unmarried and living at home.

Public spirited in matters of citizenship, Mr. Warner always takes an active interest in everything pertaining to his township, his political support being given to the republican party. Although he has never figured prominently in government affairs he has served as township collector and assessor, efficiently discharging his duties. Those days of his early manhood spent on the southern battlefields in the service of his country are vividly remembered, the ties there formed being maintained through the medium of his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic at Piasa, his allegiance to which has ever been faithful. After an honorable youth and manhood he is passing life's evening in the peace and quiet justly merited by his well spent years, surrounded by his children and grandchildren, one son and his family living on a farm adjoining and the other but a short distance away.

S. P. PRESTON.

It would be difficult to find elsewhere than in Macoupin county a publisher or editor who at the age of thirty-seven years can claim to have spent thirty years in a newspaper office. Such, however, has been the experience of S. P. Preston, editor and proprietor of the Gillespie News. He started as a mere lad to learn the printer's trade and there are few men in the state, who have had better opportunities of becoming acquainted with all the details of the publication of a country newspaper. He is now at the head of one of the best printing plants in the state, outside of the large cities, and has no reason to regret establishing himself permanently at Gillespie.

Born at Madisonville, Kentucky, May 17, 1874, he is a son of John D. and Fannie (Hendricks) Preston, both of whom were born in Kentucky. The father engaged in contracting and plastering during the active period of his life. He removed to Sullivan, Illinois, in 1876 and four years later to Litchfield, where he remained until 1902 in the pursuit of his business, then taking up his residence at Mattoon. Here his wife died in December, 1908, and since April, 1911, Mr. Preston has made his home with his son in Gillespie. He is an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was his wife, and politically gives his support to the democratic party.

Mr. Preston of this sketch was reared at home but acquired his education principally in the printing office, to which he seems naturally to have been attracted. He became connected with the old Litchfield Monitor when he was seven years of age, and after serving an apprenticeship of four years transferred his allegiance to the Litchfield Daily News, which was the first daily issued in that place. At the age of fourteen he had mastered the printing business and was made foreman of the Taylorville Democrat, a position which he held for two

and one-half years. He then went to Hillsboro and assumed business management of the Montgomery News, continuing in that position for about seventeen years. In November, 1905, believing that a favorable opening was presented at Gillespie, he came to this city and established the Gillespie News, the first edition of which was published November 25, 1905, on the day the first interurban car ran from Gillespie to Staunton. The paper was a success from its very start, and in 1907 Mr. Preston erected a two-story brick building for the publication of the paper; he also has a job office which is equipped with all modern facilities of a first-class printing plant. Under his management the paper has gained a large and growing circle of readers, and it has become an important factor in the promotion of the best interests of this section of the state.

On the 20th of May, 1891, Mr. Preston was married to Miss Alletta Van Doren, of Hillsboro, Illinois. Politically he is in sympathy with the democratic party, but he conducts the News as an independent publication, believing that in so doing he is best subserving the welfare of its supporters. Fraternally he is identified with Gillespie Lodge, K. P., and commands the highest respect of its members and also of the people of Macoupin county irrespective of religious, political or other affiliations. He can truly claim many friends who are interested in his continued prosperity.

EDWARD EWIN.

Edward Ewin, who has gained an enviable reputation as a successful breeder of horses and is also a prominent farmer of Macoupin county, was born at "The Heights," in Westmoreland county, England, September 11, 1865. He comes of one of the old families of Westmoreland county and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Harrison) Ewin, the former of whom was born on the family homestead in 1817, and the latter at Soulby, Westmoreland county, in 1831. Thomas Ewin, the grandfather of our subject, was the youngest of seven children and upon the death of his parents came into possession of the family estate known as The Heights. There were four sons in the family, and two of them became prominent in the dry-goods business in London. They died without issue, leaving their property to their brothers' families. William Ewin continued upon the ancestral estate until his death, in 1879. The Harrison family has also been long known in Westmoreland county. William Harrison, the grandfather of our subject on the maternal side, was a landowner of Soulby and owned a fine estate called Sandridge. He had two children, William and Elizabeth. Our subject is one of a family of eight children, namely: Mary, the wife of John Birbeck who resides at The Heights; Margaret, who married William Heslop, of Ormside, near Appleby, England; John, who came to America and is now living near Fidelity, Illinois; Elizabeth, the wife of Thomas Ewin, of Flitholm, Westmoreland county, England; Edward, of this review; Louisa, who married Thomas Bird, of Drybeck; William, who makes his home at Kirby Stephen, Westmoreland county; and Thomas, a resident of Ormside.

Mr. Ewin, whose name introduces this sketch, received his early education in the public schools of his native county. At the age of thirteen he went to Lon-

don and became an apprentice in the dry-goods business under his uncle, Edward Ewin. At nineteen years of age, after completing his apprenticeship, he returned home, where he remained for one year. Having decided to cast his lot with the American republic, he came to Illinois with his brother John in 1886 and engaged in general farming near Jerseyville, in Jersey county. Three years after his arrival he purchased two hundred and forty acres of land and later acquired four hundred acres additional, all of which he brought to an excellent state of improvement. He lived upon his farm until 1904, when he moved to Jerseyville and directed his attention to the breeding of fancy harness horses, soon gaining recognition as one of the successful men in that line. In 1910 he took up his abode on section 20, Shipman township, east of Piasa, where he owns a valuable farm and an ideal country residence. He devotes his time entirely to breeding and raising fancy horses, especially harness horses. He is the owner of Constanero, No. 30,659, whose trotting record is 2:16 $\frac{1}{4}$. This animal is the sire of the world's champion trotting gelding, Paderewski, 2:05 $\frac{1}{4}$, and also of the world's champion pacing stallion, Ross K., 2:01 $\frac{1}{2}$. These are the two fastest records ever made in a race up to the present time, and are practical evidences of the ability of Mr. Ewin as a horse breeder. He keeps in close touch with the progress of the world, especially along the line to which he devotes his best thought and energies, and is a valued member of the Trotting Horse Association of America.

On November 5, 1889, Mr. Ewin was married to Miss Clara E. Bohn, a daughter of William and Ellen (Hurley) Bohn, of Jerseyville. To this union three children have been born, Ralph Edward, Charles William and Mabel Ellen, all of whom are living at home. Henry Bohn, grandfather of Mrs. Ewin, came to America with his family from Alsace-Lorraine and located in Macoupin county, Illinois, near Brighton. He engaged in farming during the remainder of his life and died at Brighton. William Bohn, the father of Mrs. Ewin, was the eldest of seven children. He was born in Alsace-Lorraine and came to America when he was nine years of age. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and in the district schools secured his education. About 1887 he purchased land in Jersey county, near Jerseyville, which he cultivated until 1893, when he entered the general mercantile business at Brighton. He disposed of his business in 1908 and retired. He was a soldier in behalf of the Union at the time of the Civil war and is one of the highly respected citizens of Macoupin county. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Bohn were seven children: Clara E., now Mrs. Edward Ewin; Martha, who married Harry Cummings, of Jerseyville, and is the mother of one child, William; Dorothy Mildred, who is the wife of Oliver Parsell, of Jerseyville; William Charles, of Golconda, Illinois; Virginia A., who married Leslie Waddill, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Joseph, who died at the age of twenty-one; and Letitia E., who married Frank Martin, of Brighton.

In politics Mr. Ewin gives his support to the republican party, being a firm believer in the centralization of authority and the protection of home industries. He and his family are members of the Methodist church, and fraternally he is identified with Lodge No. 954, B. P. O. E., of Jerseyville. A lover of country life, he has made many valuable improvements on his place, including a handsome modern residence, so that it is now a model country home and a center of hos-

pitality, where friends and acquaintances are assured of a cordial greeting. As a stock breeder Mr. Ewin has gained a wide reputation. It is men like him who add honor and dignity to the calling, and have revolutionized the live-stock business by increasing the value of farm animals many fold. The people of Macoupin county justly regard Mr. Ewin as one of the most valued and progressive citizens of this section, and he is accorded the respect that rightfully belongs to one who has ever faithfully attempted to discharge his duty to his fellow men.

THOMAS P. HUGHES.

It has often been demonstrated that responsibility develops character and many of the noblest men and women of America are those who were obliged early to assume burdens usually borne by older shoulders. Thomas P. Hughes who is now a prominent business man of Carlinville, owes much of his success perhaps to the fact that in his boyhood, owing to the death of his father, he was brought directly into contact with the realities of the world and thus learned lessons which under ordinary circumstances are deferred until maturer years. He was born in Western Mound township October 10, 1845, a son of Pinckney and Eliza Jane (Campbell) Hughes, both of whom were born in Kentucky.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Andrew Hughes. He was born in North Carolina and came from Kentucky to Macoupin county, Illinois, at an early day, settling in Western Mound township where he took up government land and farmed and ran a horse-mill. His wife was Elizabeth Cruse, a native of Crittenden county, Kentucky. She died when about fifty-two years of age. Mr. Hughes was accidentally killed in a runaway accident, at the age of seventy-five, in Shelby county, while hauling sugar cane. In his family were four children; Pinckney; Thomas and Nancy, twins; and Isaac, who now lives in Moultrie county, Illinois, and has arrived at the age of eighty-seven years. The grandfather of our subject on the maternal side was Thomas Campbell who died in Sangamon county, Illinois, in 1850, having lived there for twenty-seven years. He was a farmer and a preacher of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. His wife was Elizabeth Robison and she lived to be eighty-eight years old. They had ten children, James R., Annie, Eliza, Narcissa, William B., Julia, Mary and Dorothy, twins; Edward, and Thomas.

Pinckney Hughes, the father of our subject, came to Macoupin county with his parents in 1835 and was a carpenter, trader and farmer. The family moved to Greene county but later returned to Macoupin county where the father entered land. The mother of our subject came to Illinois in 1823 with her father, Rev. Thomas Campbell, and they settled on government land ten miles west of Springfield. Pinckney Hughes lived at Fayette and Greenfield, finally settling at Nilwood where he died in January, 1861, at the age of forty-one years. His wife died in 1886, at the age of seventy-one. They were both members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Mr. Hughes was an intelligent and progressive man and served as justice of the peace, being also a captain in the state militia. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were six children, four of whom grew to

maturity: Mary E., who married Thomas Baker and is deceased; Thomas P.; Annie M., the wife of L. P. Lowry, of Sac City, Iowa; and Nettie J., who married William Poland, also of Sac City.

Thomas P. Hughes lived in Greene county until fifteen years of age and possessed only limited advantages of early education. He worked on a farm by the month and at the age of fifteen, on account of the death of his father, was obliged to take charge of the affairs of the family. In 1870 he entered the grain business at Nilwood and for twenty years engaged successfully in buying grain and live stock. He then came to Carlinville and for four years served as deputy sheriff. After retiring from this office he entered the insurance business to which he devoted his attention for four years. He was twice nominated upon the democratic ticket as sheriff of the county but was defeated. However, in 1898 he was nominated for county treasurer and was successful in the election, filling the office with great credit to himself and his party for four years. Since 1902 he has concentrated his attention with very satisfactory results on the real-estate and insurance business.

On the 19th of September, 1871, Mr. Hughes was married to Miss A. E. Ross, a daughter of the late M. H. and Nancy (McMullen) Ross, and to this union two children were born: Walter L., who is a clerk in the Nathan Clothing Store at Fort Smith, Arkansas; and Charles E., who was connected with the editorial department of the Chicago Tribune for four years and is now a member of the editorial staff of the Philadelphia Evening Times. The mother of these children died April 3, 1909, and her departure was the occasion of profound regret not only on the part of her family but of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. She was an earnest member of the Baptist church and a true exemplar of the highest virtues of wife and mother. Her father was a native of Tennessee and lived near "The Hermitage"—the old home of Andrew Jackson.

Mr. Hughes is a member of the Baptist church, and fraternally is identified with Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M. He has at all times been actuated by a desire to advance the general welfare and in business and social relations has so discharged his responsibilities as to merit the confidence of all who know him.

WILLIAM ALBERT TATE.

For nearly forty-seven years William Albert Tate has resided on the place which he now owns, in Cahokia township, and in the time named he has witnessed many important changes in the methods of farming and stock-raising. He has also been a witness of the great influx of population from other states and countries to the fertile lands of Illinois and has noted the beautiful and well furnished homes which have taken the places of the simple habitations of the pioneers. He is a native of Illinois, born in St. Clair county, December 19, 1831, a son of John and Rhoda (Badgley) Tate. The father was born in Pennsylvania and the mother in Virginia. They came to Illinois in their childhood with their respective parents and were reared and married in St. Clair county where they continued during the remainder of their lives. Mr. Tate was

one of the successful farmers of the county and became the owner of six hundred acres of land.

William A. Tate secured his education in a little log schoolhouse which stood on his father's farm and as a boy showed an interest in his studies and also in his work about the home place which gave bright promise as to his future. After his marriage he cultivated land belonging to his father and later had charge of his father-in-law's farm. In 1864, at the age of thirty-three years, he came to Macoupin county and purchased eighty acres upon which he has since resided. He is the owner of a well improved property, including a comfortable residence, good barns and other outbuildings, and all the conveniences required to facilitate the work of agriculture and stock-raising. He has always been prompt and reliable in his business and his success has, therefore, been well deserved.

In 1859 Mr. Tate was married to Miss Lucy A. Potter, a daughter of Matthew Potter, who was a native of Maine and located in St. Clair county, Illinois, after having spent a number of years upon the sea. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tate, five of whom survive, namely: Charles, who is engaged in the coal business at Gillespie; Laura, the wife of Albert Mercer, of Gillespie; Clara, who married Ira Greenwalt, of Honey Point township; George, who is now engaged in mining at Gillespie; and Lulu, who married Walter Wilhite, now serving as postmaster of Hornsby.

The life of Mr. Tate has been an active and useful one, devoted in a large measure to the welfare of his family and also to the advancement of the region which he adopted as his home. During the long years of his residence in Macoupin county he has gained a wide acquaintance and the esteem in which he is held by the community is a just tribute to his personal worth. In politics he adheres to the democratic party. He has never aspired to public office, preferring the quiet of private life to the turmoil of political campaigns. As a genuine friend of education he has served for a number of years as treasurer and director of the school board. He is now in his eightieth year and may truly be designated as one of the most worthy living representatives of the agricultural interests of Macoupin county.

HENRY W. BEHRENS.

The years immediately following the Civil war witnessed the arrival in America of thousands of ambitious young men of German birth who felt that under the stars and stripes they could find better opportunity for the exercise of their energy. Many of them succeeded even beyond their early dreams and in this number may be named Henry W. Behrens, who for thirty-six years has been a resident of Mount Olive. He was born in Gross Herzogthum, Oldenburg, Germany, April 30, 1847, a son of William and Talke Catherine (Hanssen) Behrens, both of whom passed their entire lives in Germany. The father was a weaver by trade.

Mr. Behrens of this review was reared at home and acquired his preliminary education in the excellent schools of his native land. In 1866, at the age of nineteen, ambitious to secure the advantages which are denied poor men in the long settled countries of Europe, he went aboard a vessel bound for the new world and landed at New York city about the middle of September. He came directly west to Macoupin county, Illinois, and found employment on a farm near Gillespie, where he continued for six or seven years. In 1871 he associated with Weye Schmidt and they purchased a steam thresher, which was one of the first machines of the kind seen in Macoupin county. They operated the thresher for four seasons and then disposed of it. In 1873 Mr. Behrens entered the liquor business at Gillespie and continued there until May 1, 1875, when he removed to Mount Olive, where he has ever since been engaged in the same line.

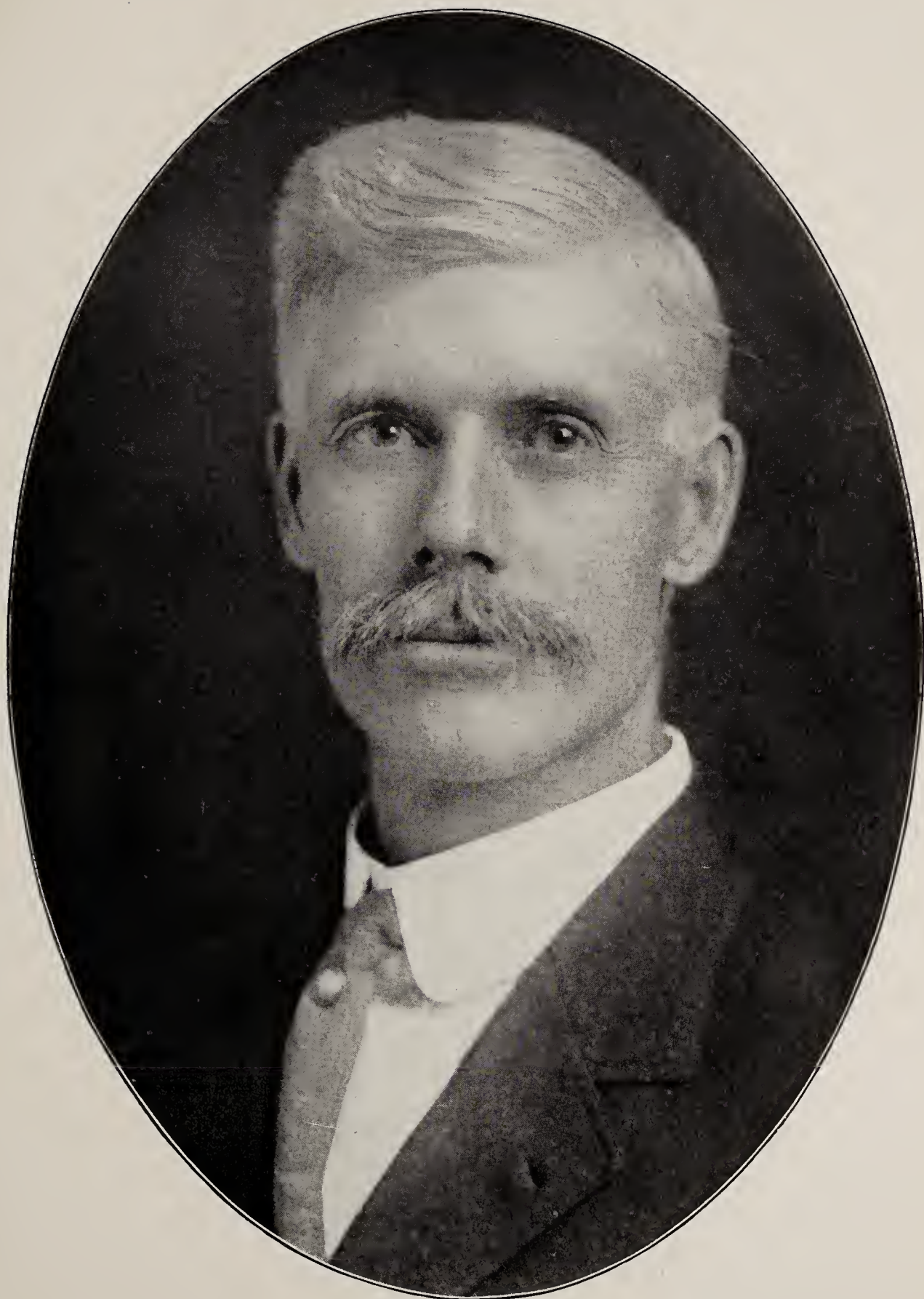
In 1872 Mr. Behrens was married to Miss Martha Arkebauer, a daughter of George Arkebauer, a pioneer settler of Mount Olive. Three children were born to this union, two of whom survive: William J., who is now engaged in farming in South Dakota; and Gretha, who is the wife of Fred Backer, of Springfield, Illinois. The mother of these children died October 24, 1881, and in 1883 Mr. Behrens was married to Miss Mary Tobias, of Bunker Hill. Two children were born to them, both of whom died from diphtheria and were buried at the same time. Mrs. Mary Behrens died August 30, 1887, and Mr. Behrens was married in February, 1889, to Miss Louisa Kuehne, who is a daughter of Henry Kuehne, a retired farmer of Mount Olive. To this union four children have been born, Mathilda, Flora, Arthur and Theodore, all of whom are at home.

Politically Mr. Behrens is independent, preferring to cast his ballot for the individual rather than in support of any party. He has not been a seeker for public office but served for two terms most acceptably as member of the town council. A man of pleasing address and generous nature, he has a host of friends in Mount Olive and Macoupin county. He was reared in the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran church and holds membership in that denomination, being one of its most liberal supporters.

SAMUEL OWEN SMITH.

Samuel Owen Smith, president of the People's Bank of Girard, was born in Macoupin county on the 17th of January, 1860, and is a son of Samuel A. and Elizabeth (Harlan) Smith. His father, who passed away in 1874, was a native of Tennessee as was also his grandfather, Moses Smith. The mother of our subject was born in Kentucky and was a daughter of Matthew Harlan and granddaughter of James Harlan, being a representative of one of the pioneer families of that state.

Samuel Owen Smith was only a lad of fourteen years when his father passed away, and after the completion of his education in the public and high schools of Girard, in 1879, he returned to the home farm. He assumed the management of the same at the age of nineteen, and for eleven years thereafter engaged in general farming, in connection with which he also dealt in live stock.



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In 1900 he left the farm and removed to Girard, where he has since continuously resided. In 1893 he became a stockholder in the People's Bank, of which institution he was made cashier in 1895, and after holding that position for five years he was elected vice president. In 1902 he became president and is still serving in that capacity.

Alton, Illinois, was the scene of the marriage of Mr. Smith and Miss Virginia B. Christoe in the month of October, 1901. Mrs. Smith is a daughter of James and Melissa (Anderson) Christoe, the father a native of England and the mother a member of one of Macoupin county's pioneer families. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have three sons and one daughter: Samuel Owen, Jr., Nelson Christoe, Virginia Elizabeth and Nelson A. Smith.

The family attend the Presbyterian church, in the work of which organization the parents take an earnest and helpful interest. Mr. Smith has been an elder of the church for the past six years, while for four years he was a deacon and a trustee for fifteen. His political support is given the men and measures of the republican party, and he has been chairman of the county central committee and also township chairman. He was a school director for eighteen years, while for the past six years he has been a school trustee. In matters of citizenship Mr. Smith is public spirited and progressive, always ready to take the initiative in any movement the adoption of which promises to advance the interests of the community. He is one of the leading business men of the town and is widely and favorably known throughout the county.

DANIEL NEWTON BLODGET.

Daniel Newton Blodget, president of the bank of Blodget Brothers & Company at Brighton, has gained a high position in financial and business circles of Macoupin county, and has shown a discrimination and progressiveness that give brilliant promise as to his future. A native of Brighton, he was born May 26, 1860, a son of Daniel and Isabelle Ann (Peter) Blodget, the former of whom was born in New Hampshire and the latter in Kentucky. The father came west when he was a young man and was one of the early settlers at Brighton. He was a pioneer merchant of the town and also was its first postmaster, and was one of the leaders in the platting of Brighton. He lost his hearing when he was about fifty years of age and severed his connection with the mercantile business, being identified prominently in his later years with the real-estate business. He was the first treasurer of the school board of Brighton and was for a number of terms a member of the board, taking great interest in educational affairs of the growing community. The mother of our subject came to Macoupin county with her parents in her girlhood. She was a daughter of Rev. Samuel Peter, a well known Methodist Episcopal minister, who was in charge of a circuit in this section of the state for many years in pioneer times. Mrs. Blodget was an active and efficient member of the denomination in which her father was one of the leaders. Mr. Blodget died in 1889, being then in his eightieth year, and his wife passed away in 1904, at the age of seventy-nine. He was twice married.

the maiden name of his first wife being Ellen Jones; who came to Brighton from England. There were no children by this union.

In the public schools of Brighton Daniel N. Blodget secured his preliminary education. Later he attended Brown's Business College of Jacksonville, completing the course at that institution in the spring of 1882. Upon returning home from Jacksonville he associated with his brother Samuel P. in the mercantile business at Brighton, with which they were successfully connected for ten years. They disposed of their store in 1892 and organized the bank of Blodget Brothers & Company, which has now been established for nineteen years and is one of the well known financial institutions of Macoupin county. The bank was originally founded in 1868 by Stratton & Amass and was reorganized as the bank of Blodget Brothers & Company, with Daniel N. Blodget as president and Edwin Amass as cashier. This bank has been largely instrumental in promoting the welfare of the city and of the wide region which is tributary to Brighton. In 1910 Mr. Blodget and his brother became actively connected with the real-estate business, and in the same year Mr. Blodget established the Brighton Grain, Flour & Feed Company, which gives promise of good returns upon the investment. He has displayed remarkable judgment in his business affairs and enjoys the confidence of the people throughout this section.

In 1888 he was married to Miss Jennie M. Flanagan, who was born in Iowa and came with her parents to Brighton in 1876. Of their seven children five survive, Daniel Francis, Jennie Marguerite, Delmar, Darrell Raymond and Esther Melburn, all of whom are living at home.

Politically Mr. Blodget supports the republican party but has never sought the honors or emoluments of public office. Fraternally he is a valued member of Hibbard Lodge, No. 249, A. F. & A. M. His name is not carried upon the rolls of any religious denomination but his wife is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a liberal supporter of all worthy causes that aim to lighten the burdens of humanity. Throughout his life he has been actuated by high and honorable purposes and no man in Macoupin county can claim in a greater degree the good will of the entire community.

DAVID B. FREY.

Diligence and good judgment have been important elements in the success of David B. Frey, who is prominently identified with the drug business at Gillespie, where his birth occurred in 1883. He is a son of Abraham and Arminda (Grant) Frey. The father, who is now deceased, was for a number of years a leading citizen of Macoupin county. He was the eldest of five children and was born at Oggersheim, Bavaria, Germany, August 8, 1833. His father, Jacob Wilhelm Frey, was born at Donnast, Bavaria, and learned the butcher's trade at which he worked in connection with farming. In April, 1847, he went aboard a steamer at Mannheim with his family and after arriving at Havre embarked on a sailing vessel for America, landing at New Orleans after a voyage of sixty-two days. They came up the river to St. Louis and, as Mr. Frey was

practically without money when they arrived in that city, their first meal was eaten on a dry-goods box. The mother died ten days later and the father, hearing of a small German settlement at Staunton, Illinois, left the children in the care of their uncles, Jacob and John Hanson, and came to Staunton to look for work. He died shortly afterwards, leaving his family of five children to be reared by relatives or strangers. At the time of his father's death, Abraham Frey was fourteen years of age, but he did not hesitate in assuming the responsibility of finding homes for his younger brothers and sisters. He secured employment upon a farm at four dollars per month, but at the end of two years apprenticed himself to the harness-making trade at Alton, Illinois, where he continued for two and one-half years. At the end of the time named he returned to farming but at the outbreak of the Civil war resumed work at his trade and for two years was employed as journeyman harness maker at Staunton. He then opened a shop on his own account at Gillespie and gained a wide reputation as an expert workman and good business man, also becoming known throughout the county as a public-spirited citizen. In 1890 he was elected county treasurer and removed to Carlinville, serving in the office to the general satisfaction of the people for four years.

In 1864 Mr. Frey was married to Miss Arminda Grant, who was born in Madison county, Illinois, in 1843. She was a daughter of Thomas Grant, who was one of the pioneers of the county. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Frey five children were born, Emma, Edward, Charles, Lewis and David B. Mr. Frey gave his support to the democratic party and was an influential factor in its councils. He was a member of Lodge No. 214, A. F. & A. M., and Lodge No. 220, I. O. O. F., of Gillespie. He was successful in his business affairs and at his death, in 1906, left a competency for his family. It is not, however, on account of his material acquisitions that his memory is revered but because of his fidelity to principle and his trustworthiness as a man and citizen. He displayed many sterling traits of character, and it may truly be said that in his life he measured up to the full standard of honorable manhood.

David B. Frey, whose name stands at the head of this review, was reared under the favorable conditions of a peaceful home. He acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of Gillespie and Carlinville, later carrying his studies forward in Blackburn University. At the age of seventeen he entered a drug store in Carlinville, where he began the study of pharmacy, and in the fall of 1904 matriculated in the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated after pursuing the regular course, in 1906, with the degree of Ph. G. Shortly afterward he became connected with Steinmeyer's Pharmacy at Carlinville and continued there until 1909. He then bought out the Behrens Drug and Mercantile Company of Gillespie and has since conducted one of the up-to-date pharmacies of Macoupin county. Under his management the patronage has steadily increased and the appearance of the establishment indicates the careful supervision of a practical and progressive owner. As he possesses a thorough knowledge of his business and is in close touch with the latest developments in his calling, there is no doubt as to his continued prosperity.

On October 12, 1909, Mr. Frey was married to Miss Bonniebel Blackburn, of Palmyra, Illinois. Fraternally he is connected with Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., of Carlinville; the Lodge of Perfection, No. 114, of Spring-

field; and Carlinville Lodge, I. O. O. F. He is not a member of any religious denomination but Mrs. Frey is identified with the Christian church, in which she is an active worker. He is thoroughly alive as to the importance of promoting the business interests of Gillespie, and holds membership in the Commercial Club. Being blessed with genial social qualities, he has made many friends who also admire him for his straightforward and honorable business methods.

HENRY JACOB THEODORE RIEFENBERG.

The firm of Riefenberg & Son is one of the well known business establishments of Carlinville and the head of the firm, whose name introduces this sketch, is one of the representative men of the city. He was born in Brunswick, Germany, May 17, 1839, a son of John Riefenberg, who was a miller and ran an old-fashioned water mill there. The mother of our subject died when he was two and one-half years old. There were four children in the family, two sons and two daughters, Henry being the only one now living. The father married again and in 1847 emigrated to America with his wife and one daughter and two sons by his former marriage. He lived retired at St. Louis for eighteen years and then came to Carlinville, where he remained for nine years, at the close of which time he went to Chatsworth, Illinois. He died in 1889, at the age of eighty-three. The three children were: John, deceased; Dorothea, who married Joseph Wealing, of Quincy, Illinois, and is now deceased; and Henry J. T.

At the age of eight years Henry J. T. Riefenberg crossed the ocean with his parents to the new world. The trip was made in a sailing vessel and required ninety days. They landed at New Orleans and went aboard a steamboat for St. Louis. The boat was in bad condition and it was fourteen days before they reached the end of their journey. The son Henry attended the public schools and later learned the upholstering, paper-hanging and steamboat-furnishing business, also becoming proficient in making mattresses and household furniture of all kinds. In 1865, at the age of twenty-six years, he came to Carlinville and engaged in the upholstering and paper-hanging business. Subsequently he went into partnership with George Schoenherr and John Junghans in the furniture and undertaking business, the title of the firm being Schoenherr, Junghans & Riefenberg, Mr. Riefenberg having purchased the interest of a Mr. Berry in the old firm. The business prospered for eight years, when the establishment was destroyed by fire, but the house was soon afterward rebuilt. In 1880 Mr. Riefenberg entered the furniture business on his own account at the location which he now occupies and by close attention to the wants of patrons has acquired an enviable reputation and has greatly prospered. He has now been at the head of the business which he established himself for thirty-one years and for forty-six years has been actively interested in the growth of Carlinville. He is ably assisted by his son, and each year gives new evidence of their prosperity.

In 1865 Mr. Riefenberg was married to Miss Anna Bogenpohl, and to this union four children were born. Wilhelmina married Herman Pfaff and they

live in St. Louis, being the parents of three children, Ida, George and Herman. Theresa is living at home. Katharine assists her father in the store. She taught school for eight years, kept books for her father and also took part in the management of the business. She has unusual mechanical ability and is an adept in the use of tools. Anna, the youngest of the four children, is now living near Holiday, Missouri. Mrs. Anna Riefenberg died February 10, 1873, and Mr. Riefenberg was married in 1876 to Miss Dina Lentz. Three children were born to this union: Otto, who is identified with his father in business; Albert, who is employed by the James Curtis Casket Company of Chicago; and one who died in infancy. The mother of these children died in 1879 and Mr. Riefenberg was married to Mrs. Louisa Straub, the widow of Jacob Straub and a daughter of August and Catharine (Schlagenhauf) Schnarre. To this union four children were born: Caroline, who married Louis Blum and lives at Ottawa, Kansas; Emma, who is the wife of Arthur Aden, of Carlinville; Henry, who married Florence Schoper; and John, who died in infancy. Mrs. Louisa Riefenberg was born in Columbia, Illinois, March 11, 1855. Her father, August Schnarre, was born in Liebeken, province Westphalen, kingdom of Prussia, November 5, 1816, and the mother was born in Frielingshausen, Oberamt Marbach, Wurtemberg, January 20, 1832. The father came to America at the age of twenty-one years and the mother at the age of five. They were married in this country and had twelve children, eight of whom are now living, Charles, August, Catharine, Louisa, Solomon, Henry, Anna and Lucy. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Riefenberg was George Schlagenhauf and his wife was Katharina Lauderwasser.

Mr. and Mrs. Riefenberg belong to the German Lutheran church, with which they have been identified since infancy. During the Civil war he was a member of the Home Guards at St. Louis and drilled in the daytime, working out at night. Politically he has from the time of casting his first ballot supported the republican party. He is proud of the fact that he has voted twice for Abraham Lincoln as president of the United States. A capable and energetic business man and a patriotic and useful citizen, Mr. Riefenberg looks back on a long and active life and he sees no reason to regret selecting Carlinville as his permanent home, for here he found friends and fortune.

ZACHARY TAYLOR LEE.

A native of Western Mound township where he now lives, Zachary Taylor Lee has been a lifelong resident of Macoupin county and is one of its highly respected citizens. He was born June 12, 1850, a son of O. W. and Rebecca (Sullivan) Lee. The father was born in South Carolina April 18, 1808, and was of English descent, while the mother was born September 30, 1809, in Tennessee, and was of Irish descent. They were married at the homestead of the Sullivan family, in White county, Tennessee, February 1, 1829, and in the year following came to Illinois and took up their residence on a farm in Greene county. A few

years later Mr. Lee arrived in Western Mound township, Macoupin county, with his family and settled on section 23, on land which is now a part of the J. Bates estate. Here the son Zachary T. was born, and the father continued to cultivate the place until 1852 when he moved to section 23, where he established the family homestead. He spent twenty-five years on the home farm and gained recognition as one of the useful and progressive men of the community. He died in the early part of February, 1877, one week after the demise of his wife, and they were both buried on Sunday, the funerals being held one week apart. In their family were the following children: John S., Philander M. and Jesse N., all of whom are deceased; Mary J., who married William Wheeler, a farmer of Bird township; Martha M. and William H., both of whom are also deceased; Elsie C., who lives near Harmony church, in Chesterville township, and is the widow of James Bates; Isaac V., who is engaged in farming in Oklahoma; Nancy E., the wife of James Cunningham, a farmer of Vernon county, Missouri; Zachary Taylor, of this review; Warren Lee, who died in infancy; and George Q., who is now engaged in farming in Western Mound township.

Mr. Lee whose name introduces this sketch possessed good advantages of education in the district schools and has since largely extended the boundaries of his knowledge by reading and observation. He has resided on the farm where he now lives ever since his boyhood and by his industry and good management has made it highly productive. He cultivates the various grains and also raises live stock which he sends to the markets at St. Louis and Chicago. He is one of the successful men of this region and each year adds to his revenue. Having acquired a handsome competence he is now fortified against material want.

On the 17th of December, 1885, Mr. Lee was married to Miss Margaret L. Nantz, a daughter of Edmund and Louisa (Bainbridge) Nantz and a granddaughter of John Bainbridge who served in the war of 1812. Mr. Nantz was born and reared near Springfield, Kentucky, and came to Macoupin county in his boyhood with his mother, the family locating on a farm three miles northeast of Carlinville. After his marriage he moved to Shaws Point and later to Honey Point, finally settling at Carlinville where he died February 3, 1859. He served in the Volunteer army at the time of the Mexican war and was one of the thoroughly respected citizens of this region. The mother of Mrs. Lee was born October 16, 1821, near Springfield, Kentucky, and was married to Mr. Nantz at Carlinville in 1849. She survived her husband many years and died December 27, 1900, being then in her eightieth year. Mr. and Mrs. Nantz were the parents of five children. Maria Frances married Lyman L. Palmer, who is now engaged as a fruit grower and farmer in Florida. William Edward applied himself to farming and died in Boise, Idaho, in 1905. Matthew Robert was also a farmer. He married Rachel Gray, of Alton, Illinois, and died in Kansas. Margaret L. is the wife of Zachary Taylor Lee. John F., the youngest of the children, married Annie Combs and they are residents of Carlinville; he is engaged in the railroad business. Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Lee three are now living, the eldest having died in infancy. Lyman Edmund was born July 24, 1888. Rebecca T. was born August 11, 1890, and William Eugene was born July 15, 1893. The three children are all living at home.

Mr. Lee supports the republican party and as a patriotic citizen has attempted to perform his duty in public affairs, having served with general satisfaction to taxpayers as township clerk for three terms. He is a member of the Baptist church while his wife is identified with the Methodist denomination. The children are all connected with the Shiloh Baptist church of Western Mound township. Fraternally he holds membership in Lodge No. 444, A. F. & A. M., of Chesterfield, and the Mutual Protective League of Enos, Illinois, and can claim many warm personal friends in those organizations. A man of great determination of character and actuated by a laudable desire to accomplish a worthy object in life, he has made good use of his opportunities and has deservedly attained a place as one of the prosperous men of Western Mound township.

HENRY VOGEL.

Among the coal operators of central Illinois few are better known than Henry Vogel, who is now living retired at Staunton, being blessed with a competency that gives assurance of an income for the remainder of his life. He has been remarkably energetic and courageous in seeking for treasures below the surface of the earth and has been instrumental in opening some of the most valuable coal bodies in this part of the state. He was born in Brunswick, Germany, March 21, 1837, a son of Frederick and Christina (Oppermann) Vogel, both of whom spent their entire lives in the old country. The father was a shepherd and for thirty-two years consecutively had charge of the flocks of one of the large estates. He died in 1871, the mother having passed away in 1870. There were six children in their family, the subject of this review being the youngest. The others are all deceased and their names were Frederick, Hannah, Lemina, Alma and Carolina.

Henry Vogel received his education in the public schools and grew to maturity in the paternal home. Believing that conditions were more favorable in the new world, he came to America in 1856 and took up his residence at Belleville, St. Clair county, Illinois, where he worked as a laborer and also at the stone mason's trade. In 1856 he went into the mines at Belleville and soon acquired thorough, practical knowledge of the business. He continued at Belleville until 1869, when he removed to Staunton and entered into partnership with William Panhorst in sinking the second shaft at this place. They did not strike the best coal vein until January, 1870, and seven years later Mr. Vogel purchased the interest of his partner in the business, continuing upon his own account. In the same year he sank No. 5 shaft but sold this property in 1880, and sank No. 6 shaft and shaft No. 1 at Gillespie, disposing of both of them in 1882. He then leased the mill at Staunton, which he operated for a year, at the end of which time he went to Wamego, Kansas, and erected a mill and grain elevator, continuing there until his property was destroyed by fire in 1896. Returning to Staunton, he opened No. 1 mine, which he sold in 1898, and in the same year sank a shaft at Edwardsville. He was not so successful at this place as in some others and lost about eighty thousand dollars during twelve years' experience at Edwardsville. He is still assured, however, of an ample revenue, having invested to good advantage during the

years of his prosperity. He is the owner of a beautiful home in Staunton and also is extensively interested in coal deposits of this section.

In 1858 Mr. Voge was married to Miss Caroline Timptner, and to this union six children were born, five of whom died in infancy, Minnie being the only survivor. She is the wife of August Seevers, of Staunton. The mother of these children died in 1878, and Mr. Voge was married June 29, 1879, to Miss Christine J. Fritz. By this union six children were born, two of whom died in infancy. Those who grew to maturity are: Henrietta, who is now the wife of F. H. Bruhn, pastor of the Lutheran church at Bay City, Michigan; Carl, who lives in St. Louis, Missouri; Christine, the wife of Alfred Lang, of Philadelphia; and Herman, who is at home.

Religiously Mr. Voge and his family are identified with the Lutheran church. He cast his first ballot for Abraham Lincoln as president of the United States and has ever since been an earnest supporter of the republican party. He has never sought public office but served to the general satisfaction of taxpayers as member of the city council for seven years. He has witnessed various fluctuations of his fortune but has never lost faith in himself, and in an overruling providence in the affairs of the world. Beginning as a poor boy, he found home and friends in a new country, and he is clearly entitled to the respect in which he is held by his business associates and acquaintances, to whom he has long been known in Macoupin county.

LEONARD H. DENNY, M. D.

Dr. Leonard H. Denny, of Gillespie, one of the younger practitioners in Macoupin county, is making rapid progress in his profession and is now well established in a lucrative field. He represents the fourth generation of the family in this county and was born at Piasa, September 12, 1887, a son of Harley and Mary (Reynolds) Denny, both of whom were born at Piasa. The grandfather on the paternal side, Charles J. Denny, is still living and resides on the old home place. His father came to Piasa from Wilmington, Delaware, and was one of the original settlers in that section of Macoupin county. Members of the family have ably performed their part in the development of a region that is recognized as one of the most productive portions of the state. Harley Denny went to Wilmington, Delaware, the home of his ancestors, about 1892 and engaged in the ice and coal business. On account of failing health he visited Los Angeles, California, in 1904 and died there March 4, 1905. His body was cremated and the ashes were deposited in the old cemetery at Wilmington. The mother of our subject is still living. She is now the wife of W. G. Hunt, a prominent business man at Brighton.

Dr. Denny was reared at Brighton and acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of that town, showing an interest in his studies that gave evidence of unusual intellectual ability. In the fall of 1905 he matriculated in the medical department of Washington University of St. Louis and after pursuing the regular course at that noted institution he was graduated in 1909 with



DR. L. H. DENNY

the degree of M. D. Soon after receiving his diploma he began practice at Fieldon, Jersey county, Illinois, where he continued for fourteen months. On the 6th of August, 1910, he located at Gillespie. Being naturally adapted for the practice of the healing art, he has from the start attracted favorable attention, and he commands in an eminent degree the confidence of his patients and also of his medical brethren.

On the 25th of September, 1905, Dr. Denny was married to Miss Carrie C. Burtiss, of Brighton, and by this union two children, Helen F. and Leonard H., have been born. Professionally he is an active member of the Macoupin County Medical Society and socially he is identified with Hibbard Lodge, No. 249, A. F. & A. M., of Brighton. He also holds membership in the Greek letter fraternity Phi Beta Pi, which he joined while attending medical college, and the Gillespie Commercial Club. He is now local surgeon for the Illinois traction system. His name is not found upon the rolls of any religious denomination but Mrs. Denny is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he adheres to the republican party. Possessing an attractive address and, moreover, being thoroughly qualified by study, observation and experience for the practice of his chosen profession, he has gained an enviable reputation and has made many friends in Gillespie and vicinity, who confidently prophesy for him a successful and prosperous future.

JOHN HALLIDAY.

John Halliday, who is the owner of a well improved farm on section 15, Hilyard township, is a native of Brighton township and was born March 5, 1868. He is a son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Perry) Halliday, the former of whom was born in Ireland and the latter in Missouri. The father was reared as a farmer and emigrated to America many years before the Civil war. About 1856 he came to Macoupin county, Illinois, and worked for a time as a farm laborer. He later engaged in farming on his own account in Brighton township and continued there during the remainder of his life. The mother is still living and makes her home on a farm three miles south of Shipman in Brighton township. There were twelve children in the family, two of whom are now deceased. The others are: John, of this review; Andrew, who is living on the old home place near Brighton; David, who lives in Shipman township; Jennie, the wife of Charles Fritz, of Shipman; Phoebe, the wife of Bird Manning, of Hilyard township; and Thomas, Joseph, Luther, Ira and Lydia, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Halliday, whose name stands at the head of this sketch, secured advantages of education in the district schools of Brighton township and under his father became familiar with the details of agriculture and stock-raising. As he grew to maturity he showed an interest in his work which indicated that he would make a successful farmer. At twenty-one years of age he began farming on his own account and later purchased land, which he subsequently disposed of. Twelve years ago he bought eighty acres of good land on section 15, Hilyard township, upon which he has since lived. He has greatly improved his place, making it one

of the most attractive in this section. He uses good judgment in his business and each year witnesses a gratifying increase in his prosperity.

On the 5th of March, 1890, Mr. Halliday was married to Miss Hattie Herrington, who was born on a farm near Farmington, Missouri, June, 30, 1868, and is a daughter of Morris and Susan (Thompson) Herrington. The parents were both born in Missouri. The father came to Macoupin county, Illinois, and engaged in farming but later returned to his native state. He and his wife are both deceased. They were the parents of two children: Hattie, now Mrs. John Halliday; and Thomas, who is living at Shipman. To Mr. and Mrs. Halliday five children have been born, namely, Allen, Edith, Gladys, Morris and John.

Mr. Halliday holds membership in the Court of Honor. He has never served in any public office except that of school director, being at the present time a member of the school board of Hilyard township. Always industrious and progressive, he has recognized his responsibilities to those with whom he has associated and conscientiously endeavored to discharge his duty. He is, therefore, fully entitled to the friendship and confidence accorded him by all to whom he is known.

THOMAS A. HORINE, M. D.

Among the medical practitioners of Macoupin county the name of Dr. Thomas A. Horine is greatly honored and his patrons speak in highest terms of his skill. A man of large experience, he has fairly won his laurels, and each year adds to the circle of his friends and acquaintances. He is a native of this state, born at Waterloo, Monroe county, December 10, 1858, a son of Matthias T. and Martha (Nixon) Horine, the former of whom was born in Kentucky and the latter in Ohio. The father grew to maturity in his native state and then came to Kaskaskia, Illinois. Shortly afterwards he removed to Harrisonville, Monroe county, where he engaged in the mercantile business. After the flood of 1844 he sold out and opened a store at Waterloo, where he continued until 1860 or 1861. Believing that he could rear his children under more favorable conditions in the country than in town, he purchased a farm near Waterloo, upon which he established his home. He was married, at Harrisonville, to Mrs. Mary Drury, who died after their removal to Waterloo. Subsequently Mr. Horine was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Martha Nixon, who came to Waterloo with her parents when she was a child. Mr. Horine died on the home place in 1872, after reaching the age of sixty-nine years. His widow later took up her residence with a daughter at Chester, Illinois, and passed away in 1901, being also sixty-nine years of age. Politically Mr. Horine was an ardent supporter of the republican party and served in various local offices. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he was also, for a number of years, an officer in that organization. He was a liberal contributor to worthy objects and was called the "deficiency man" of the church, as he usually provided the funds for any deficiency, which the congregation failed to meet.

Thomas A. Horine attended the public schools of Waterloo and, having decided to devote his life to the practice of medicine, studied for one year under

an uncle, Dr. M. G. Nixon, of Columbia, Illinois. In 1875, being then less than eighteen years of age, he entered McKendree College of Lebanon, Illinois, and was a student of that institution for one year. In the fall of 1876 he matriculated in the St. Louis Medical College and, after pursuing the regular course, was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1879. Immediately after receiving his diploma, he began practice at Merrimac Point, Monroe county, Illinois, but the town was three times visited by floods and about 1884 he came to Piasa, Macoupin county, where he remained for seven years. Since 1891 he has engaged in practice at Brighton and years ago became recognized as one of the most competent physicians and surgeons in this section of the state. He has a large clientele and has no reason to regret having selected Brighton as his permanent home.

On the 12th of April, 1884, Dr. Horine was married, at Waterloo, to Miss Anna B. Faina, who was born at Memphis, Tennessee; they are the parents of three children: Jessie, who is deceased; Stella A., who married A. W. Amass, proprietor of The Brighton News; and Nellie A., who is living at home. Professionally Dr. Horine is connected with the Illinois State Medical Society and the Macoupin County Medical Society, and socially he is identified with Brighton Lodge, No. 366, I. O. O. F., and Brighton Camp, M. W. A. He and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and for a number of years he has served in an official capacity in that organization. Earnest and progressive in whatever he undertakes, he is regarded as one of the most valued citizens of a region with which he has been identified for more than two decades. He is a constant student of the best authorities pertaining to his profession and his name is widely known throughout Macoupin and adjoining counties. He has established a reputation for ability, honor and integrity which is unquestioned and can claim a host of warm personal friends and admirers in the county of his adoption.

WALTER G. HUNT.

Walter G. Hunt, organizer and manager of the Brighton Mutual Telephone Company, also prominently identified with other lines of business, is numbered among the enterprising and successful men of Macoupin county. His life is a practical demonstration of what may be attained by a man of energy and determination, actuated by a worthy ambition to accomplish honorable aims. He was born in Dorsetshire, England, May 27, 1865, a son of William and Dinah (Myall) Hunt. The parents died in the old country, the mother, however, having spent three years with her children in America.

Mr. Hunt of this review was educated in the common schools and as he grew to maturity applied himself to the cabinet-maker's trade. At the age of nineteen he emigrated to the United States and proceeded direct to Golden City, Barton county, Missouri, the home of a brother, Albert, who had arrived in this country two years previously. He found employment under his brother in the contracting and building business, continuing with him for a year, and then was engaged in other lines for three years. In 1888 he removed to Kemper, Jersey county, Illinois, and applied himself to railroad work, painting, carpentering,

farming or any other honorable occupation that was available. At the age of twenty-five he was married and took up his residence with his bride upon a farm known as the old Hart place, of which he had been the owner for two or three years. In March, 1893, he traded his farm for a furniture and undertaking establishment at Brighton and removed to this city, which he has since made his home. He applied himself diligently to his business, and it has since largely increased under his effective management. In 1902 he organized the Brighton Mutual Telephone Company, of which he has since been the head. He also associated with others in the organization of the First National Bank at Brighton in April, 1909, and is a member of the board of directors of that institution. He has been very active in local affairs and was one of the leaders in effecting the organization of the volunteer fire company of Brighton and has had charge of the engine ever since it was purchased. The funds for the fire bell were secured by popular subscription but there was no money in the treasury for the erection of a tower. Mr. Hunt suggested a voting contest as to the most popular young lady in the city, and the money for the tower was soon forthcoming. The tower was dedicated by a picnic which was called the Betsey Ann picnic and has since been held annually, being recognized as one of the noted events of this section. Mr. Hunt served as president of the Betsey Ann society for about six years after its organization. His energy has also found expression in the establishment of a picture show at Brighton, being associated in this undertaking with W. H. Robings.

- On the 29th of November, 1890, Mr. Hunt was married, at Piasa, Illinois, to Mrs. Mary E. Denny, whose maiden name was Mary E. Reynolds, and to this union eight children have been born, five of whom survive, Gladys, Dorothy, Walter G., Paul, and Marcella. All of the children are living at home.

Politically Mr. Hunt is an adherent of the republican party, of which he is an earnest supporter, being at the present time a member of the county central committee. He has served with general acceptance to the people as tax collector of Brighton, member of the town board and township clerk, and is now filling the office of clerk of the school board of the township. Fraternally he is identified with Brighton Lodge, No. 366, I. O. O. F., and has passed through all the chairs in that organization. He is also a member of the Rebekahs and of Brighton Camp, No. 1688, M. W. A. He and his family are connected with the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a man of unusual business capacity and accomplishes with apparent ease what would appear to be impossible to many of less resourceful mind. He is one of the foremost citizens of Brighton, and justly deserves the high regard in which he is held by a large and growing circle of friends and associates.

GEORGE WASHINGTON ARNETT.

Although he has passed his eighty-second year on life's journey, George Washington Arnett, who is now living retired at Carlinville, is greatly interested in the continued development of Macoupin county, having been a resident of this county since 1834. He has been a witness of the changes from the wild

prairie to the beautiful farms, dotted with homes, which are supplied with all the comforts of modern life. It is doubtful whether there is any other man in the county who is more familiar with the progress of this section than Mr. Arnett.

He was born in Overton county, Tennessee, near Monroe, June 24, 1829, and comes of pioneers on both sides of the house, being a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Reeder) Arnett. The father was a native of North Carolina and the mother of Virginia. In 1829 he removed with his family from Tennessee to Illinois and engaged in farming for two or three years in Morgan county, near Jacksonville. He then moved to a farm near Waverly, where he also spent several years, at the end of which time he came to Macoupin county and settled in Bird township, becoming the owner of about two hundred acres of land there. He died in 1874, at the age of about seventy years. His wife died in 1863, being then about fifty-eight years of age. He was a member of the Methodist church, while his wife held membership in the Presbyterian church. An industrious and progressive citizen, he was always willing to perform his part in forwarding the interests of the community and served for a number of years as justice of the peace and also as township treasurer. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Arnett were twelve children, nine of whom grew to maturity: Nancy, who married Holiday Peebles and is now deceased; Martha, who became the wife of William Wiggins and is also deceased; George Washington, the subject of this review; John H., who is deceased; Sarah, who married George Wallace and is deceased; Paschal L., of Wichita, Kansas; James, deceased; Thomas, also deceased; and William, a resident of Oregon.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was John Arnett, who was a native of North Carolina and of Scotch descent. He engaged in farming and was also a blacksmith. He married Rebecca Comer and moved to Tennessee, but in 1833 settled in Morgan county, Illinois, where they continued during the remainder of their lives. Mr. Arnett died at the age of sixty-two and his wife at the age of seventy-six years. In their family were twelve children, among whom were William, Thomas, John, Peter, Mary, Susan, Sarah, Nancy, Rebecca and Martha. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Jephtha Reeder. He was a native of Virginia but moved to Tennessee and in 1833 came to Illinois and settled in Western Mound township, Macoupin county, where he continued until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-two years old. His wife was Winnie Fritty Harrison. She lived to the age of seventy-six years and was the mother of twelve children, eleven daughters and one son, five of whom died in early childhood, the others being Nancy, Elizabeth, Brown, Margaret, Martha, Rebecca and Paschal L. The great-grandfather of our subject on the maternal side was James Harrison.

At the age of three months George W. Arnett was brought by his parents to Morgan county, Illinois, and he has lived in Macoupin county since he was five years of age. He grew to manhood in Bird township, where he possessed advantages of attendance at the old-fashioned subscription school. At twenty-one years of age he began working out by the month and then rented land for two years, which he cultivated on his own account. Having acquired sufficient capital, he purchased ninety acres of land and built a comfortable home, devot-

ing his attention to such good purpose as a farmer and stock-raiser that he became the owner of two hundred and fifty acres in this county. Since 1889 he has lived at Carlinville, retired.

On the 14th of October, 1852, Mr. Arnett was married to Serena Elizabeth Lasater, a daughter of Enoch and Charity (Hill) Lasater, and four children have been born to this union: Viola, of Carlinville, who is the widow of Elra P. Deeds and the mother of two children, Walter and Mary; Horace W., who married Mary Wills and died at the age of twenty-two years; Lilly M., who became the wife of H. C. Wilhite, of Greenfield, Illinois, and has one son, George M.; and George B., a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Arnett was born in Greene county, Illinois, February 3, 1836. Her parents were natives of Tennessee, her mother having been born near Nashville. They came to Illinois among the pioneers that settled in Greene county and the father died there when he was about thirty-five years old. He was the father of six children, Eliza Ann, Serena Elizabeth, Mary Ellen, Almira, Matilda Jane and a son who was killed by a tree falling on him when he was eight years old. Mrs. Lasater married a second time, her husband being John Courtney, and they came to Macoupin county and settled in Bird township, where she died when she was about sixty-eight years. By her second marriage she became the mother of two children who lived to maturity: Carroll C., of Waverly; and Cyrus B., of Carlinville. The grandfather of Mrs. Arnett on the paternal side was Stanford Lasater, who married a Miss Copeland, and the grandfather on the maternal side was Abner Hill, a native of North Carolina. His wife was Anna Johnson. They were pioneers of Bird township, Macoupin county, and were the parents of ten children, among whom were Mary, Anna, Charity, William, Robert, Abner, Lewis and Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnett accept the Bible as a divine revelation and are both consistent members of the Baptist church. In politics Mr. Arnett affiliates with the democratic party. Recognizing his duties as a citizen, he filled most of the township offices during his active years, serving with general satisfaction to the people as supervisor, assessor, collector, school trustee and school director. Throughout life he has had an abiding sense of justice and honor and he has always aimed to follow the principles of the golden rule, thus earning the confidence of neighbors and of all who have had the honor of his acquaintance. As a result he is one of the most respected and venerated men in Macoupin county.

C. D. KING, M. D.

In the field of medicine Dr. C. D. King, of Gillespie, occupies a position at the front in the section where he makes his home, as is indicated by the fact that he is now serving as president of the Macoupin County Medical Society. He is a native of Hillsboro, Illinois, born March 26, 1879, a son of George B. and Lydia (Dilworth) King, the former of whom was born in North Carolina and the latter in Kentucky. George B. King was reared on a plantation, his parents being landowners but not friendly toward slavery. At the time of the Civil war he was forced to

join the Confederate army, and continued with that cause until about the close of the war. He then came to Hillsboro and taught school, also working at farming and in other employment, until he acquired sufficient capital to enter the lumber business. He was married at Hillsboro to Miss Lydia Dilworth, who came north after she had reached womanhood. The father died in 1883, while engaged in business at the home of his adoption. Politically he was a staunch adherent of the republican party and served with general acceptance in various local offices.

C. D. King possessed good advantages of education in the public and high schools of Hillsboro and, having decided to apply himself to medicine as his life work, he matriculated in 1901 in the medical department of St. Louis, at St. Louis. After pursuing the regular course at that institution he was graduated in 1905 with the degree of M. D. Very soon after graduation he located at Gillespie, where he has successfully engaged in practice. Being a man of fine address and thoroughly qualified in his calling, he has advanced steadily in the confidence of the people and enjoys a lucrative patronage. He is in close touch with the progress which is being made in all departments of professional and business life, and holds membership in the American Medical Association, the Illinois State Medical Society, and the Macoupin County Medical Society, being especially active in promoting the welfare of the latter organization.

On the 4th of October, 1905, at St. Louis, Dr. King was married to Miss Mildred Strebe, who was born at St. Paul, Minnesota. They are the parents of two children, Charles F. and Mildred Nellie. It is through unremitting application and the exercise of clear and correct judgment that Dr. King has gained the high standing he now possesses as a physician and surgeon, and each year witnesses an increase in the field of his usefulness. He is well known in fraternal circles and holds membership in Silver Star Lodge, No. 322, K. P., and the camp of Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he gives his support to the republican party and in religious faith adheres to the Lutheran church. He and his wife have made many friends and their home is a center where all are assured of a cordial greeting.

DAVID FERGUSON.

David Ferguson, who is living at ease at Staunton, in the enjoyment of a comfortable home, can look back upon a long and active life during which he contributed his share toward the development of the agricultural resources of Macoupin county. As a member of a pioneer family he passed through experiences in his early life of which the farm boy of today has little conception, and he has lived to witness the great improvements by which the entire appearance of the country has been changed and the wild prairie has been reduced to the uses of man.

He is a native of Ireland and was born in County Derry, October 31, 1837, a son of Henry J. and Sarah (Swan) Ferguson, both of whom were born in County Derry. The father emigrated to America with his family in 1839 and located a half-mile east of Staunton, Macoupin county, Illinois, where he purchased a

tract of partially improved land and also preempted land from the government. He applied himself during the remainder of his life to farming and died in 1883, at the age of eighty years. He was a staunch Presbyterian in religious belief and assisted in building the first church at Staunton. He had two brothers: Robert, who engaged in farming in Ireland; and David, who was educated as a physician at Glasgow, Scotland, and devoted his life with marked success to the healing art. The mother of our subject had three brothers, Henry, Thomas and Hugh, the latter of whom went to Australia and became a member of the parliament of that country. There were seven children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson: Hugh and Isaac, both of whom are deceased; Henry, a resident of Staunton; David; Sarah Jane, deceased; Susan, the widow of Captain Archibald Burns; and Martha, deceased.

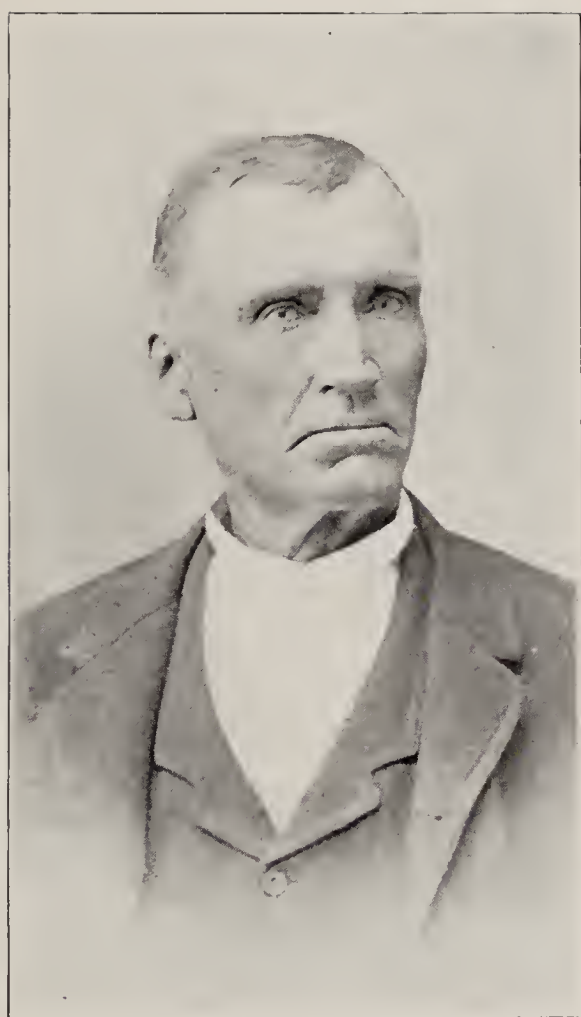
After receiving his preliminary education in the common schools David Ferguson devoted his attention to the home farm and continued with his parents until twenty-eight years of age. He then purchased an adjoining farm and made his home there until 1884 when he moved to Staunton, being still actively identified with farming and live-stock interests. About 1895 he went to Benton, Illinois, where he purchased a farm but returned to Staunton in 1902 and has since made his home among old friends and amidst familiar scenes.

In 1875 Mr. Ferguson was married to Miss Mary J. Dey, a native of Jersey county, Illinois, who has been to him a true and helpful companion. He cast his first vote for Stephen A. Douglas but soon afterwards transferred his allegiance to the republican party which he supported until a few years ago when he became a prohibitionist. He was at one time a member of the Good Templars and is actively identified with the Presbyterian church of which he is a liberal supporter and an elder in the same for forty years. His entire life has been devoted to farming, and through energy, application and sound judgment he has acquired a competency. Always thoroughly upright in his dealings, he commands the esteem and confidence of his associates and acquaintances and is in every respect a worthy representative of the best citizenship.

JOHN H. LOVELESS.

John H. Loveless, who for many years was a prominent farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Macoupin county, was born in eastern Tennessee, December 30, 1825, and was sixteen years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Macoupin county. He remained under the parental roof until his marriage, when he removed to a farm not far from the old homestead and continued to reside in this county until his death with the exception of two years spent in Champaign county, this state. Throughout life he engaged in agricultural pursuits.

On the 23d of December, 1847, Mr. Loveless was united in marriage to Miss Ruhama Brown, a daughter of John M. and Christina (Etter) Brown, who removed from Virginia to Indiana at an early day and later came to Illinois, becoming residents of Western Mound township, Macoupin county, in 1842. Mrs.



MR. AND MRS. J. H. LOVELESS

Loveless was the seventh daughter in their family and was born near Indianapolis, Indiana, January 1, 1826. Mr. and Mrs. Loveless became the parents of eleven children, namely: William R., who married Anna Crowder; James M., who married Mary Clark and died in November, 1876; Elizabeth J., who died in infancy; Emanuel; Matilda, the wife of Lewis Keorner; George, who married Alano Hoover; Sarah E., the wife of J. W. Wheeler; Mary V., who died in childhood; Robert A., who married Hannah Ward; Cyrus O.; and John B.

Mr. Loveless died in this county on the 17th of July, 1908, having survived his wife for about six years, as she passed away September 23, 1902. Both were earnest and consistent members of the Baptist church and in politics he was an ardent democrat, taking a commendable interest in public affairs, especially along educational lines. They had many friends throughout this section of the state, where almost their entire lives were passed.

HENRY W. BIERBAUM.

Among the pioneers of Macoupin county who are deserving of a record in a work pertaining to the history of this section is Henry W. Bierbaum, now in the eightieth year of his age and one of the honored citizens of the county. Coming to America many years ago from a distant country, he found himself amidst strange surroundings, but he bravely met and conquered obstacles as they arose and he now enjoys in peace and comfort the results of his courage and self reliance. He was born in Prussia, Germany, October 18, 1831, being a son of Gottlieb and Minnie Bierbaum. The father died when the son was quite young. The mother and one daughter came to the United States in 1854, the son Henry W. sending money to pay their expenses upon the journey. He was not married at that time and his mother and sister made their home with him and had charge of the household duties. The mother died about 1862 and is buried in Macoupin county.

Henry W. Bierbaum was reared on a farm in the old country and possessed advantages of education in the common schools. He emigrated to the United States in 1850, being then nineteen years of age. Like thousands of young men of European birth who have sought to establish a home under the favoring influence of the American republic, he was practically without money and a friend generously advanced the amount necessary to meet traveling expenses. After landing he came direct to Macoupin county and secured employment as a farm hand under John Ramey, his wages being four dollars per month during the winter and ten dollars per month in the summer. He was married at the age of twenty-five and rented a farm in Cahokia township, which he cultivated for four years. He then acquired forty acres of land, for which he gave a team of horses, a set of harness, a wagon and twenty dollars in money. He prospered in his work and subsequently purchased another tract of forty acres, for which he paid eight hundred dollars. He has since added to his land holdings and at the present time is the owner of two hundred and ten acres of land, which is considered as good as any in the state of Illinois. When he arrived in this region it abounded in deer, wolves and wild turkeys, and the lives and habits of the people conformed to pioneer conditions.

Neighbors were friendly and a spirit of helpfulness prevailed of which we can now form little conception. The country was principally wild prairie and an occasional log cabin could be seen in the woods along the streams, being the only sign of civilization, except a few settlements which were found along lines of travel. The pioneers were a brave-hearted race and their descendants today are rightfully among the leaders in the state and are represented among its most prosperous and progressive citizens.

In 1856 Mr. Bierbaum was married to Miss Minnie Sophia Miller, who was a native of Germany and came to Macoupin county, Illinois, with her parents in 1847, when she was six years of age. To this union ten children have been born, five of whom survive, namely: Henry, who is now living at Farmersville, Montgomery county, Illinois; William, who resides at Beebe, Arkansas; Charles, also a resident of Beebe; Gottlieb, who is engaged in farming in Cahokia township; and Anna, who is the wife of William Seiler, an electrician of Sawyersville, Illinois.

In politics Mr. Bierbaum is a supporter of the democratic party but he has never been an office seeker, preferring to devote his energies to his family and his farm. He and his wife are consistent members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. As a representative of a generation which made possible the comforts and conveniences of the present day, he is accorded a high place in the estimation of the people of this region. He is one of the survivors of pioneer times—a period in the history of America which has passed never to return. Each year they become fewer in number, but the work they accomplished stands as an enduring monument to their energy and persistence.

CHARLES W. TIETSORT.

For over fifty years Charles W. TietSORT, of Medora, editor, financier and successful business man, has been a resident of Illinois, and during a large part of the time he has been actively and effectively interested in the development of Macoupin county. Since 1895 he has been closely connected with the Medora Messenger, of which he was the founder and which is one of the most reliable and progressive country newspapers of the state. As a banker he, for many years, displayed an ability and enterprise which greatly redounded to his credit and to that of the community. He comes of one of the oldest colonial families of America and was born at Cassopolis, Michigan, December 17, 1837, a son of Abram V. and Rachel (Thompson) TietSORT. The father was born in Butler county, Ohio, July 16, 1805, and the mother in Preble county, Ohio, July 17, 1807.

The paternal branch of the family has been traced to Staffordshire, England, where the old manor house still stands. The TietSORTS were driven out of their native land through political persecution in 1030 and took refuge in Holland. The original English name was TietSWORTH. The word "worth" is rendered "ort" in Dutch, hence the change in the spelling to TietSORT. The emigrant ancestors in America arrived at Plymouth, Massachusetts, from Holland between 1620 and

1630 and a branch of the family from which Mr. Tietsort of this review descends later settled in Sussex county, New Jersey. The great-grandfather of our subject was Peter Tietsort, who was born in New Jersey in 1744. He and a younger brother, William, removed to Kentucky, and, after a number of years, to Butler county, Ohio, becoming with their families pioneers of western Ohio. Peter Tietsort is known to have had three children, the youngest of whom was Abram H., the grandfather of our subject. Abram H. Tietsort was born February 6, 1777, in Sussex county, New Jersey, and his wife, Margaret Banta, was born in New Jersey, January 6, 1785. They had six children, of whom Abram V., the father of our subject, was the eldest. In 1829 Abram H. and his son Abram V. moved from Butler county with their families to Niles, Michigan, where they operated a flatboat on the St. Joseph river for a year. They then located on government land on the present site of Cassopolis, the region being then a wilderness. The grandfather devoted his attention to farming and the father ran a cabinet shop. They continued at Cassopolis during the remainder of their lives. Abram H. Tietsort died February 1, 1847, his son Abram V. having preceded him May 31, 1842. There were five children in the family of Abram V. and Rachel Tietsort, the subject of this review being the youngest. The others were: John, who lived at Cassopolis and is now deceased; Julia Ann, who is a widow and now resides near Detroit, Michigan; and Perry Andrew and Ira, who took up their residence at Detroit, Michigan, and are now deceased. Mrs. Rachel (Thompson) Tietsort was married again, her second husband being Rev. Joseph Byron, a cousin of Lord Byron, and to this union four children were born: Melissa G., who is now the widow of William Van Giesen, of Litchfield, Michigan; Linnie P., who is the wife of Byron Warren, of Bellwood, Nebraska; Elizabeth R., who is the wife of Deo Devereaux, of Blackbird, Nebraska; and Joseph E., who was killed in a railway accident while serving as conductor of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway.

Mr. Tietsort of this review, having been deprived of his father by death at five years of age, took up his residence with Peter Tietsort, a distant relative, and grew to manhood under his protection. He received his preliminary education in the public schools of Michigan and in 1856, being then eighteen years of age, he came to Illinois with his benefactor, the family locating on a farm in Jersey county, near Fidelity. However, the young man was attracted to other pursuits than that of farming and after a few months he secured a position as clerk in a mercantile establishment at Fidelity. Here he remained for about twelve years with the exception of one year which he spent at Detroit, Michigan. In 1868 he removed to Jerseyville, where he engaged in clerking for a year, at the end of which time the store burned down. He returned to Fidelity and associated with W. T. Whitfield, his father-in-law, purchasing the stock of Holden & Miner. After a few months he disposed of his interest and went to Kane, Illinois, where he ran a mill for D. Carmichael. In 1870 the mill was closed down and Mr. Tietsort moved to Tecumseh, Nebraska, in the spring of 1871, continuing there until the fall of 1873, when he returned to Jerseyville, Illinois. For several years he served as assistant cashier in the bank of Bowman & Ware, thus gaining practical acquaintance with a line of business for which he showed special adaptability. On March 1, 1877, the Bank of Medora was opened, of which he

was one of the organizers. He served as cashier of this institution until January 1, 1898, a period of about twenty-one years, the bank becoming known as one of the leading financial concerns of this part of the state. Upon the date last named he disposed of his interest and retired. In 1895 he started with his son Walter B. the Medora Messenger, with which he is still actively connected. He is also a stockholder and director of the State Bank of Jerseyville and is a stockholder in the Medora Telephone Company, of which he was formerly a director.

In 1862 Mr. Tietsort was married to Miss Emily Jane Whitfield, a daughter of Wilson T. and Nancy Jane (Kuhn) Whitfield. One child, Charles Henry, was born to this union October 12, 1863, who married Margaret M. Little and is now living in El Paso, Texas. Mr. Tietsort was married to Miss Cornelia Frances Bowman, a daughter of Charles H. and Mary (Hooper) Bowman, residents of Jerseyville. The father was born in Jersey county, a son of Elisha Bowman, of Vermont, who was born in 1795 and came to Illinois in the early '20s, settling in Jersey county. He died October 21, 1870. To the union of Charles W. and Cornelia F. Tietsort one child, Walter B., was born October 8, 1879. He is now in charge of the Medora Messenger. He married Miss Velma Lane, a daughter of Dr. J. H. Lane, of Medora, and they have two children: Dorothea L., who was born June 13, 1907; and Eleanor Frances, born December 7, 1908.

Mr. Tietsort, whose name stands at the head of this sketch, is well known in fraternal circles and holds membership in the Odd Fellows and in Fidelity Lodge, No. 152, A. F. & A. M., of Medora, being secretary of the latter organization. He has for many years been connected with the Illinois State Press Association and has several times been sent as a delegate to the National Press Association. His study of political and social conditions has made him a prohibitionist but he has never sought public office, preferring to devote his attention to private business affairs. He is recognized as a man of unusual intelligence, thoroughly competent in the discharge of every responsibility to which he may aspire and one who always has at heart the best interests of the community. Successful financially, he is now enjoying the results of many years of wisely applied effort and at the same time possesses the respect and confidence of the people to an extent accorded to few men in Macoupin county.

ROBERT WHITELEY, JR.

Robert Whiteley, Jr., a member of one of the well known families of Macoupin county and actively connected with the business interests of Carlinville, was born in Bird township December 8, 1869. He is a son of Robert and Adelaide (Morris) Whiteley, the former of whom was born in England and the latter at Chesterfield, Illinois. The father was reared in his native country and received advantages of education in the common schools. He emigrated to America in 1844 and landed at New Orleans where he secured employment as a drayman. In the same year he came to Macoupin county, Illinois, and worked by the month during the summer seasons, spending his winters for several years at New Orleans. About 1850 he located in Bird township, having ac-

quired a farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres which he greatly improved. He was very successful in farming and stock-raising and acquired seven hundred and sixty-five acres of land in this and adjoining counties. In 1896 he moved to Carlinville where he is now living retired with his son Robert, having reached the age of ninety-two years. His wife died in December, 1869, when the son Robert was two weeks old. She was an Episcopalian as is also Mr. Whiteley. While living upon his farm he held most of the township offices including those of supervisor and road commissioner. He was the father of ten children, three of whom are now living: Mary A., the widow of George C. Tunison, of White Hall, Illinois; Sarah Oello, the wife of J. E. McAliney, of Donnellson, Illinois; and Robert, Jr.

In the district schools of Bird township Robert Whiteley, Jr., gained his first knowledge of books. He continued at home until he reached his majority and then had charge of his father's place for several years, at the end of which time he farmed on his own account and now owns about one hundred acres in South Palmyra and Carlinville townships. In 1896 he rented his land and took up his residence in Carlinville, engaging in the live-stock business for three years. He then entered the implement business and in 1905 associated with A. F. Weiss in the sale of implements and hardware. The firm is conducted under the title of Weiss & Whiteley. They carry a large and well selected stock and by honorable business methods have developed a liberal patronage.

On the 25th of February, 1891, Mr. Whiteley was married to Miss Laura Denby, a daughter of Peter L. Denby. Mrs. Whiteley was born in South Palmyra township, her father having been born on the same farm. Both parents were of English descent. The mother died in 1876 but the father is still living and resides in Carlinville. They had six children, namely: Mrs. T. P. Ross; Laura, the wife of our subject; Charles; John; Walter; and Clara, the wife of E. B. Peebles. Mr. Denby was again married, his second wife being Miss Clara Johnson, and to this union two children were born: Zoe, who married S. W. Ayers; and Fred L.

Mr. Whiteley has taken the interest of a patriotic and wide-awake citizen in politics, local, state and national, and is in hearty sympathy with the republican party. He served as collector of Bird township in 1893 and is now holding the office of alderman of the first ward. He is a stanch believer in the principles of charity and brotherhood as enunciated by the Knights of Pythias and is a member of Orient Lodge, No. 95, of that order of Carlinville. A man of pleasing address and marked business ability, he is greatly esteemed by many friends who admire him for his generous and unselfish qualities.

JOHN ROSCOE ASH, M. D.

Dr. John Roscoe Ash, of Brighton, comes naturally by his talents as a physician and surgeon, being the son and great-grandson of physicians, concerning whose ability and skill there was no question. He was born November 27, 1867, in the house in which he now resides, his parents being Dr. John and Mary Eliza-

beth (Loveland) Ash. The father was born in West Chester, Pennsylvania, and was of German descent, the founder of the family in this country, Dr. Heinrich Esche, the great-grandfather of our subject, having been physician to royalty in Germany. On account of his political opinions he was obliged to seek safety in the United States, which has been a refuge to thousands of his countrymen who preferred the republic to a monarchy. He located at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he married an English lady named Whitaker, and to this union several children were born. After spending a number of years in this country Dr. Esche went aboard a vessel bound for Europe with the intention of visiting his native land. The ship was lost at sea and none of its passengers were ever afterward heard from. John Ash, the father of our subject, graduated in medicine at one of the eastern colleges, and in 1851 came to Illinois and began practice at Delhi, Jersey county. Soon after he arrived in this state there was an outbreak of cholera, and while victims died in various parts of the country, Dr. Ash never lost a case, thus establishing an enviable reputation in his practice. In 1852 he went to Piasa but after a short time took up his residence at Brighton, where he continued during the remainder of his life. He was married to Mary Elizabeth Loveland, a native of Massachusetts and a direct descendant of Lord Loveland of England. Her father was for many years a sea captain but gave up life upon the ocean and came with his family in the '40s to Illinois, locating on a farm three miles east of Brighton. At the outbreak of the Civil war Dr. Ash was appointed contract surgeon for the Union cause and was sent to Memphis, Tennessee. Later he joined General Elliott's naval flotilla plying on the Mississippi river and after the organization of the home guards to resist the encroachment of the enemy in the northern states he was commissioned captain of a company at Brighton. He engaged in active practice for more than fifty years and was one of the best known physicians in this section of the state. He died at the advanced age of eighty-five years, in 1903, and his wife passed away about three years previously. Politically he was an earnest supporter of the republican party and for many years was a close personal friend of Senator Cullom. His religious faith was indicated by membership in the Baptist church but his wife adhered to the Methodist faith. They will long be remembered as two of the most worthy residents that Brighton has known and especially for their kindly acts and generous deeds.

Dr. Ash of this review was reared under highly favorable circumstances and has never been obliged to fight the battle for sustenance, having always possessed an abundance of the good things of life. He attended the public schools, the Brighton high school and the old Brighton Academy, and early turned his attention to the healing art as his life work. He carried forward his preliminary studies under his father and in the fall of 1887, being then about twenty years of age, he entered the Beaumont Hospital Medical College of St. Louis and was graduated from that well known institution with the degree of M. D. in 1889. He practiced for three years with his father and then was appointed chief of the nose and throat clinic of the Marion-Sims Medical School of St. Louis, serving in that capacity to the general satisfaction of the officers and students for three sessions. He then returned to Brighton and resumed practice with his father, having now been engaged in the pursuit of his profession at this place for twenty-two years. He fully deserves the high reputation he has gained in his chosen calling. His

relations with his medical brethren and his interest in promoting the cause to which he devotes his life are indicated by membership in the Illinois State Medical Society, the Macoupin County Medical Society, the Medical and Surgical Society of Western Illinois, the Tri-State Medical Society and the Alton Medical Society. He is greatly esteemed by his brethren and has served as president of the Macoupin County Medical Society.

In September, 1896, Dr. Ash was married to Miss Mabel Martin, a daughter of Dr. Frank Martin, who was reared at Brighton but after completing his medical studies located at Greenfield, Illinois, and engaged in successful practice. Three children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Ash, John L., Eugene R. and Harriet Louise. Dr. Ash is an active worker in the Masonic order and is a member of Hibbard Lodge, No. 249, A. F. & A. M., in which he has served as master for three terms, he and his wife also holding membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. He is a member of Brighton Camp, No. 1688, M. W. A., and filled the office of president of the Macoupin County Woodmen's Picnic Association for three years. In politics he is an adherent of the republican party. By many years of earnest and successful application to his profession, and also to his duties as a citizen, he has won the respect of the people of this section and today ranks as one of the most popular men of Macoupin county.

H. O. PINKERTON.

There are some men who seem born for success and advance steadily in any vocation to which they devote their attention. They are blessed with clear judgment and are incited to effort by an ambition which is satisfied with nothing short of the full accomplishment of worthy objects. H. O. Pinkerton, who is identified with the clothing and men's outfitting business at Gillespie, belongs to the class thus briefly outlined. Born at Indianapolis, Indiana, September 25, 1875, he is a son of Thomas and Lucy (Russell) Pinkerton, the former of whom was born at Coshocton, Ohio, and the latter in Montgomery county, Illinois. The father came to Nokomis, Montgomery county, Illinois, when he was a young man and engaged as a barber in that place where he resided for a number of years. There he was married to Miss Lucy Russell and in 1884 or 1885 he removed with his family to Kingman, Kansas, where he continued about ten years. He then went to El Reno, Oklahoma, and was a citizen of that place at the time of his death, about 1901. The mother was married in 1909 to A. S. Hollingsworth and is now living with her husband in Pasadena, California.

H. O. Pinkerton secured his education in the common schools of Nokomis and at the age of fifteen he began his business experience as a clerk in the store of J. W. Russell, of Nokomis, an uncle on his mother's side. Mr. Russell is one of the old merchants of the town and has been in business there since 1870. For eight years Mr. Pinkerton continued with his uncle, during which time he gained a practical knowledge of mercantile affairs. He was then placed in charge of a branch store of his uncle, at Hillsboro, but after a little over a year gave up his position in order to become traveling salesman for a Chicago fur-

nishing goods house. He represented this concern to the satisfaction of his employers, in northern Illinois and the state of Iowa, for a period of four years, making an extensive acquaintance among some of the most flourishing business men throughout the region in which he traveled. In 1904, having decided to begin business on his own account, he retired from the road and opened a clothing and gents' furnishing establishment at Gillespie, since which time he has been prominently identified with the business interests of the community and is recognized as one of its reliable and progressive citizens.

In October, 1903, Mr. Pinkerton was married to Miss Isa Miller, a daughter of Judge Amos Miller, of Hillsboro, and a granddaughter of Judge J. E. Rice, who for many years presided upon the district bench at Carlinville. One child, Amos Miller, has been born to this union.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinkerton are valued members of the Lutheran church and are well known socially in this city. Mr. Pinkerton gives his support to the democratic party and served for three years as a member of the school board, being also a member of the building committee at the time the new schoolhouse was erected. He is actively connected with the Knights of Pythias of Gillespie and also with the Commercial Club, being vice-president of that body, and he can claim a large and increasing circle of acquaintances who admire him for his upright character and friendly disposition. He has been from his youth active and capable in business and prosperity has come to him as the direct result of his untiring industry and sound business judgment.

JOHN GWILLIM.

Few successful men of Macoupin county deserve greater credit for what they have accomplished than John Gwillim, who came to America from a foreign land as a boy of seventeen and in the face of many difficulties has won his way to a place of large responsibility. His farm is one of the most attractive properties of its size in the county and he has just cause to take pride in its neat and thrifty appearance, representing as it does many years of patience and energetic application. He is a native of Llangwm, Monmouthshire, England, born August 31, 1853, and is a son of James Gwillim, who was born on the C. W. M. farm, in the parish of Abbeydoor, Herefordshire, in 1825, and died February 28, 1901. The mother, whose maiden name was Temperance Griffiths, was born in Tylloydd, Llansoy Parish, Monmouthshire, in 1829. The Gwillim and Griffiths families were both long established in Wales, but lived for many generations in England.

James Gwillim, the father of our subject, received his education in the public schools and continued on his father's farm until twenty-one years of age. He then engaged in work upon a farm with his brother and two years later was married to Temperance Griffiths. After his marriage he farmed on his own account and, being a man of unusual energy and good business judgment, he was remarkably successful. In 1881 he purchased twenty-five acres of land for which he paid about seven hundred and fifty dollars an acre. In 1895 he increased his holdings by seventy acres, being also the owner of two cottages. He



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was a deacon in the Episcopal church at Llansoy and was a man of high standing and wide influence. In his family were ten children: Elizabeth, who died at the age of eighteen years; Julia Temperance, who is now living near Ross, in Herefordshire; John, of this review; Alfred, who held the trophy as champion plowman of England for twenty years and is now living near Ross, in Herefordshire; Clara, who married Caleb Madley and lives on the Pill farm, at Magor, Monmouthshire; Sarah, who was a school-teacher and died at the age of thirty; Ellen, who died at the age of five years; Percy, who died in infancy; George, who is a farmer of Shipman township, Macoupin county; and Arthur, who lives at Magor, Monmouthshire.

John Gwillim was reared under the paternal roof and received his education at Raglan, which he obtained under some difficulties, as he was obliged to walk four miles to school. He continued with his parents until seventeen years of age and then came alone to America, being desirous of finding out for himself concerning the possibilities in this country for an ambitious young man. He spent three months at Penn Yan, New York, and then returned home where he remained until March, 1871, when he crossed the ocean once more, going direct to Virden, Illinois. He worked for several months on a farm and then secured employment in a grain elevator at Virden. During the winter following he engaged in coal mining. He next turned his attention to farming and well repairing and applied himself industriously until 1874, when he returned to his old home in England and engaged in farming on his own account in Monmouthshire for seven years, carrying on his operations on the Pencarrig farm, in Raglan Parish. He returned to Virden with his wife and son in 1881 and went to work in a meat market, also engaging in mining coal during the winter. As an evidence of his frugality at this time it may be stated that in eighteen months as a laborer he saved seven hundred and seventy-five dollars besides supporting his family. In 1883 he removed to Wahoo, Saunders county, Nebraska, and leased school land which he purchased in 1885. He was a resident of Nebraska for nine years, during which time he engaged in farming and also in operating a threshing machine. He disposed of his land in 1891 and returned to Virden, purchasing eighty acres on section 24, Virden township. Later he acquired more land, until he became the owner of two hundred and forty acres in one tract. His land was underlaid with coal and proved a highly profitable investment, as he disposed of the mining privileges for twenty dollars per acre. In 1905 he sold his farm and purchased two hundred and twenty-five acres in Shipman township, later acquiring eighty acres adjoining, so that he owned three hundred and five acres on sections 7, 8 and 9; he disposed of eighty acres in 1911 and purchased 155 acres in Missouri, so that he now owns three hundred and eighty acres. He has greatly improved the place by tiling and remodeling and erecting buildings and fences, setting out shade and ornamental trees, etc., making it one of the most attractive homesteads in the township. He is an extensive stock-feeder and also raises Poland China hogs and Polled Angus cattle.

On January 10, 1874, Mr. Gwillim was married to Miss Anna Williams, whose father lived upon the Dufferin farm at Llansoy, England, and was a member of an old Welsh family. Two children were born to this union: John Alfred, who married Selina Mortimer and is engaged in the real-estate business

at Shipman; and Thomas Albert, who is living at home. The mother of these children died July 5, 1892, at the age of forty-six years, and is buried in the cemetery at Virden. Early in 1894 Mr. Gwillim went to England and on April 4 of the same year was married to Mrs. Elizabeth (Shepard) Pullen, widow of Philip Pullen and a daughter of Richard and Susan (Green) Shepard, of Magor, Monmouthshire, both of whom are now deceased. The father was a farmer and belonged to a well known family whose members had lived in Monmouthshire for many generations.

Mr. Gwillim is identified with the Mount Pleasant Baptist church at Medora and takes an active interest in the Sunday school, being one of its most efficient and valued workers. Politically he is an advocate of the principles of the republican party in national elections, but in local affairs he votes irrespective of party, selecting candidates that are in his opinion best qualified to fill the offices irrespective of party ties. He has never aspired to the honors or emoluments of public office, but served efficiently for nine years as a member of the school board in Girard township. Thoroughly honest in all his dealings, he is fully entitled to the high esteem in which he is held by his friends and by all who know him in Macoupin county.

HERMAN WEISE.

Many of the most successful and progressive citizens of Macoupin county are of German parentage. Endowed with those sterling traits of industry, economy and will power which are distinguishing characteristics of the Teutonic race, they have resolutely persevered in the struggle for financial independence and it is a pleasure to note that their efforts have in a number of instances met with deserved reward. Among the fortunate ones is Herman Weise, a cigar manufacturer of Carlinville. Born in Hanover, Germany, May 9, 1851, he is a son of Henry and Mina Weise, both of whom were natives of Germany. In their family were four children: Mina, who is now a widow and was twice married, her husbands having been William Wagner and William Piertner; Herman, of this review; Charles, who died at the age of eleven years; and Henry, who died when he was four years old.

Henry Weise, the father of our subject, was a laborer in Germany. He came to America with his family in 1852 and engaged in farm work in Macoupin county, Illinois. Before the close of his first year in this country he located at Carlinville, where he followed various pursuits. He died about 1876, at the age of fifty years, but was survived many years by his wife, who died in 1908, aged eighty-three years. They were both members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Weise showed his love for his adopted country by enlisting in the Union army at the time of the Civil war. He went to the field, but was honorably discharged without seeing active service.

Arriving in America in his infancy, Herman Weise has practically spent his entire life at Carlinville. He attended the common schools and also the German parochial school, where he gained the foundation of a good education. In his

boyhood he worked at anything he could find to do and at the age of fifteen began learning the cigarmaker's trade, with which he has ever since been identified. He has engaged in business on his own account at Carlinville for thirty-seven years and by upright dealing and close study of the wants of patrons became well established in his business many years ago. He owns a good home on West First North street and his shop on the east side of the public square. He manufactures special brands of cigars, such as the Lord Chancellor, the La Rosa, the Perfecto and others, and gives steady employment to several persons.

Mr. Weise was married to Mrs. Mildred (Perrin) Mason, a daughter of Samuel Perrin. Her former husband was William Mason and to their union three children were born: Clara, who married William Rowe; Lint E., who is now living in Carlinville; and Sue, who became the wife of George Schoenher. While Mr. Weise has never had any children of his own, he has reared two children in addition to those of his wife and given all of them excellent advantages of education. The names of the two were Mildred Rowe and Herman Rowe. Mrs. Weise was born in Kentucky and came to Illinois with her parents in her childhood. Her father was a slaveholder in the south, but liberated his slaves before the Civil war. He lived in Rockbridge and other towns in Greene county, Illinois, but now makes his home at Medora, Illinois. His wife is deceased.

Politically Mr. Weise is an adherent of the democratic party, whose principles and candidates he heartily espouses. He is a member of the Lutheran church, while Mrs. Weise belonged to the Christian church. He is a true admirer and supporter of the republic and is known as a man of kindly and benevolent principles, who aims at all times to perform his part in promoting the general welfare. He has a very extensive acquaintance throughout this section and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

JOHN DAVID O'DONNELL.

John David O'Donnell who is one of the prominent farmers and stockmen of Macoupin county, his home being on section 11, Honey Point township, is a native of Illinois and was born in Jersey county, February 4, 1869. He is a son of Thomas and Maria (Moore) O'Donnell, the former of whom was born in Ireland and the latter in Jersey county, Illinois. The father came to America with his parents in 1851, when he was seven years of age, the family first taking up their residence at Hannibal, Missouri. Later they located in Jersey county and the grandfather became the owner of a good farm in that county. Thomas O'Donnell continued in Jersey county until 1876 and then came with his family to Macoupin county and purchased a farm on section 11, Honey Point township. He was successful in his labors and gained a high standing as a substantial and progressive member of the community. In 1910 he sold one hundred and sixty acres to T. T. Lackey and moved to Barnett, where he is now living with his daughter Grace. Mrs. O'Donnell is deceased, having passed away in 1902. There were nine children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell: Mary, the wife of Robert Plain, a farmer of Shaws Point township; John David, of this review; Lyda, who re-

sides at Atwater and is the widow of William H. Banning; James, a hotelkeeper of Guymon, Oklahoma; Thomas, deceased; Jerry, a ranchman of Hansford, Texas; Grace, the wife of Clyde W. Dunn, a painter of Barnett; Peter, who died in infancy; and Katie, who married Walter Otis Norvell, a rural delivery mail carrier of Barnett.

Mr. O'Donnell of this sketch attended district school No. 100 of Honey Point township and later was a student for one year in a college at Bushnell. He assisted his father upon the home farm until after arriving at maturity and was then married, continuing for twelve years longer to cultivate land belonging to his father. Six years ago he moved to the farm where he has since resided. For ten years past he has engaged in the stock business and is one of the largest stockmen of Honey Point township, making a specialty of buying and selling cattle, hogs and sheep. He also feeds stock extensively and makes use of all the grain and hay he raises upon his farm for this purpose. He ships sixty or seventy cars of stock yearly, St. Louis being his principal market, although he occasionally sends a carload to Chicago.

On the 29th of November, 1894, Mr. O'Donnell was married to Miss Sadie Harlan, a daughter of G. B. and Sarah E. (Cowden) Harlan. The mother was born near Greenfield, Illinois, and the father in Barren county, Kentucky. He is of English-Irish descent, his ancestors on the paternal side having come to America from England. In 1840, at the age of ten years, he arrived with his parents in Macoupin county and the family located at Carlinville. His father, Rev. L. L. Harlan, was a Methodist preacher and became a noted circuit rider of this region. G. B. Harlan was married to Sarah E. Cowden when he was nineteen years of age and engaged in farming in Chesterville township. A few years later he purchased a general store at Kemper, Jersey county, which he conducted for a number of years, subsequently moving to Chesterfield where he followed the same line of business until his death, August 18, 1884. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in the Union army at Alton but was obliged to retire from active service on account of ill health. The mother of Mrs. O'Donnell died at Chesterfield, December 9, 1904. There were eleven children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan: Emma, who is the wife of Charles Lyon, a farmer of Kemper, Jersey county; William, Walter and Elizabeth, all of whom died in infancy; Mary, who married William Kemper, a painter of St. Louis; Fannie, the wife of Charles Sanders, who is engaged in the poultry business at Medora, Illinois; Alice, who became the wife of Charles Barton, a brick manufacturer of Greenfield, Illinois; Frank M., a telegraph operator of Chestnut, Montana; Susan, who married Theodore Davis, a farmer of Barnett; Sadie, now Mrs. John D. O'Donnell; and Georgie, who married Charles Howey, a railway switchman of Beardstown, Illinois. There are four children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell, namely: Frank K., who was born May 29, 1895; Thelma Claire, born September 8, 1897; Dorothy Jane, born June 10, 1900; and Florence Louise, born December 17, 1905.

In politics Mr. O'Donnell adheres to the democratic party and as a patriotic citizen he takes an active interest in public affairs. He is now serving in his sixth year as a member of the school board of Honey Point township and for two years was township collector, also serving for seven years as treasurer of

the township. He is not connected with any religious denomination but his wife and his daughter Thelma are consistent members of the Christian church of Barnett. Fraternally he is identified with the lodge of Modern Woodmen of America at Barnett and is now filling the office of venerable counselor of that organization. He also holds membership in the Mutual Protective League of Barnett and Litchfield Lodge No. 654, B. P. O. E., his father having also been a member of the Elks. He is a man of unusual energy and perseverance and generally succeeds in any undertaking to which he gives his attention. He is careful and considerate in his management of affairs and is respected not only for his business ability but for his generous social qualities.

THOMAS A. JONES.

Thomas A. Jones, president of the village board of Brighton and vice-president of the Betsy Ann Picnic Association, was born in Brighton township, April 20, 1854, and has been a lifelong resident of this section. He is a son of William and Cassandra Jones, the former of whom was born in Wales, May 14, 1817, and the latter in Tennessee. The father was the eldest in a family of six children and came to America with his parents in 1831. They spent two years in Dutchess county, New York, and then arrived in Illinois, taking up their residence at Alton. William Jones settled in Macoupin county in 1833 and was prominent as one of the pioneers of this county. In 1849 he joined a party of gold seekers and crossed the plains to California, returning the next year with four thousand dollars, which he invested in one hundred and sixty acres of land in Brighton township. He was a man of good business judgment and acquired more than one thousand acres in this region. He was married in 1851 to Miss Cassandra E. Brown, who died in 1864, leaving one son, Thomas A., the subject of this review. In 1870 Mr. Jones was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Margaret Force, who was born at Dresden, Muskingum county, Ohio, and to this union there were born three children, Susan M., Vale F. and William. Mr. Jones was an earnest adherent of the democratic party and for many years served as justice of the peace. He died in 1892 and will long be remembered as one of the most efficient factors in the upbuilding of Macoupin county.

Thomas A. Jones acquired his preliminary education in the district schools, but he was ambitious to study the higher branches, believing that with good mental training he could better perform his part in the world. Accordingly, he continued his studies at Blackburn College and the Illinois State University at Urbana. Returning home, he applied himself to agriculture and stock-raising under his father and in 1875 associated with the latter in the purchase of one hundred and sixty acres adjoining the home farm. He purchased his father's interest in this land in 1876 and made his home there during the next nineteen years. In 1895 he removed to Brighton and for thirteen years was actively connected with the lumber business, disposing of his interest to the Brighton Lumber Company. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Brighton and was elected a member of the board of directors, a position which he

has ever since filled. Upon the organization of the Betsy Ann Picnic Association he was made vice-president and has served continuously in that capacity to the present time. He is also chief of the volunteer fire department of Brighton and takes great interest in everything pertaining to the advancement of the town.

In 1875 Mr. Jones was married to Miss Clara P. Clark, who was born in Brighton and who became the mother of two children: Oliver C., who was killed in 1904 in a collision upon the Big Four Railway, being an employe of that road; and Raymond C., who is now serving as cashier of the First National Bank of Golden, Illinois. The mother of these children died in 1896 and in 1898 Mr. Jones was married at Brighton to Miss Belle Weld, who was born in New Hampshire.

In political faith Mr. Jones adheres to the democratic party. He served for several years as member of the school board and as highway commissioner while a resident of the township. With the exception of one year he has served as president of the village board at Brighton since 1898. He is a member of Hibbard Lodge, No. 249, A. F. & A. M., and he and his wife are both charter members of the Order of the Eastern Star. He is also connected with Brighton Camp, No. 1688, M. W. A. He is not connected with any religious denomination, but is a liberal contributor to the Presbyterian church, in which his wife holds membership. He has been connected with the business interests of Macoupin county for over forty-five years and on account of his many admirable traits of character is recognized as one of its most useful citizens. Strictly honorable in all his dealings, he merits the confidence in which he is held and deserves prominent mention in a work devoted to the history of a section where the family of which he is a member has been known for over three-quarters of a century.

FRANK J. ABERLE.

There is no project instituted for the advancement and upbuilding of Mount Olive which does not find a staunch advocate in Frank J. Aberle, one of the prominent citizens of this community. He is one of Illinois' native sons, his birth having occurred in O'Fallon, on the 16th of May, 1869. His parents, Joseph and Elizabeth Aberle, were natives of Germany, and Louisiana respectively, and after their marriage they lived for some years at O'Fallon and at Freeburg, Illinois and then, in 1875, removed to Belleville. In 1887 they took up their abode in Mount Olive, where the father was killed in the mines in 1901. The mother still survives and is yet residing at Mount Olive.

Frank J. Aberle spent the period of his boyhood and youth in the home of his parents and acquired his education in the public schools of Belleville. As early as his fourteenth year he laid aside his text-books and entered the ranks of the wage-earners, becoming a clerk and helper in a grocery store in Belleville, where he was employed for about four years. He then went to Staunton and there accepted a position in the mines, being thus engaged at that place and also at Mount Olive for several years. In 1893 he severed his connection with mining interests and became a bartender in the saloon which he now owns. One

year after accepting this position, he opened a bar of his own and for seventeen years has been connected with that line of activity in Mount Olive. Possessing excellent business ability and keen discrimination, he has prospered in such measure during the intervening years that financially he ranks today among the substantial and influential men of Mount Olive. His interests extend into other channels, also, and he is now secretary of the Mount Olive Ice, Cold Storage & Fuel Company and a stockholder in the Wire Reinforced Harness Manufacturing Company.

It was on the 19th of March, 1891, that Mr. Aberle was united in marriage to Miss Manie Mitchell, of Mount Olive, and unto them have been born four children, as follows: Gertrude, residing at home, who graduated from the Mount Olive High School with the class of 1909 and who is now engaged in teaching music; Amelia, who died at an early age; Lena, a freshman in high school, who bears the proud record of having never missed a day nor been tardy a minute since she started to school; and Philomene, a pupil in the graded schools.

Fraternally Mr. Aberle belongs to the German Lodge, U. O. T. B., No. 86, of Mount Olive, and for fourteen years has served as treasurer of the lodge. He is a republican in politics and is a conspicuous figure in the party ranks here. In 1901 he was elected to the office of village clerk and has since held that office continuously. Preeminently a public-spirited man, he is always foremost in any movement pertaining to the welfare and advancement of the community, and occupies a prominent place among the leading representatives of Mount Olive, whose efforts have been potent forces in the development of this locality.

WILLIAM KLOCKE.

The kingdom of Prussia, Germany, has furnished to the American republic thousands of its best citizens and there is scarcely a community of importance in the United States in which natives of Prussia may not be found. William Klocke, a prominent and influential farmer of Gillespie township, is a native of Prussia. He was born April 17, 1846, and is a son of John H. and Mary (Heyman) Klocke, both of whom were born in the old country. The father died in his native land and in 1866 the mother with two of her children, William and Elizabeth, went aboard a vessel at Bremen and crossed the ocean to the new world, landing in New Orleans after a voyage of fourteen weeks in a slow-going sailing vessel. The travelers completed the journey to St. Louis in a steamer, being nine days on the trip. Henry Klocke, a brother of our subject, had arrived in America in 1840 and established himself in St. Louis. The mother and daughter took up their residence in his home.

William Klocke was a musician in his younger days and for several years served as a member of his brother's band in Germany. After arriving in St. Louis he became a member of John Frey's band, which consisted of fourteen pieces and was constantly employed during the summer months. He continued with this band for two years, in the meantime becoming acquainted with the language

and customs of the country in which he decided to spend the remainder of his life. After giving up music as a profession he found employment at various occupations in St. Louis until 1876 when he came to Macoupin county and rented land in Mount Olive township. After twenty years as an agriculturist and stock-raiser he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Gillespie township upon which he has since lived. He has prospered in his business and is assured of a good income as his farm is one of the most productive of its size in the township. When he arrived in America he had no money and was in debt to his brother sixty dollars for part of his passage across the ocean, but he is now one of the substantial and representative citizens of Macoupin county.

On December 24, 1871, Mr. Klocke was married to Miss Henrietta Temme, who was born in the same neighborhood as himself in Prussia. They are the parents of nine children, seven of whom survive. William H. is a farmer of Gillespie township. Henry William is living with his parents on the home place. Ida married William Klekamp, of Montgomery county, Illinois. Anna is the wife of Fred Soller, of St. Louis, Missouri. Edward and August are also living at home. Louis is in charge of the office of the Superior Coal Company, of Gillespie.

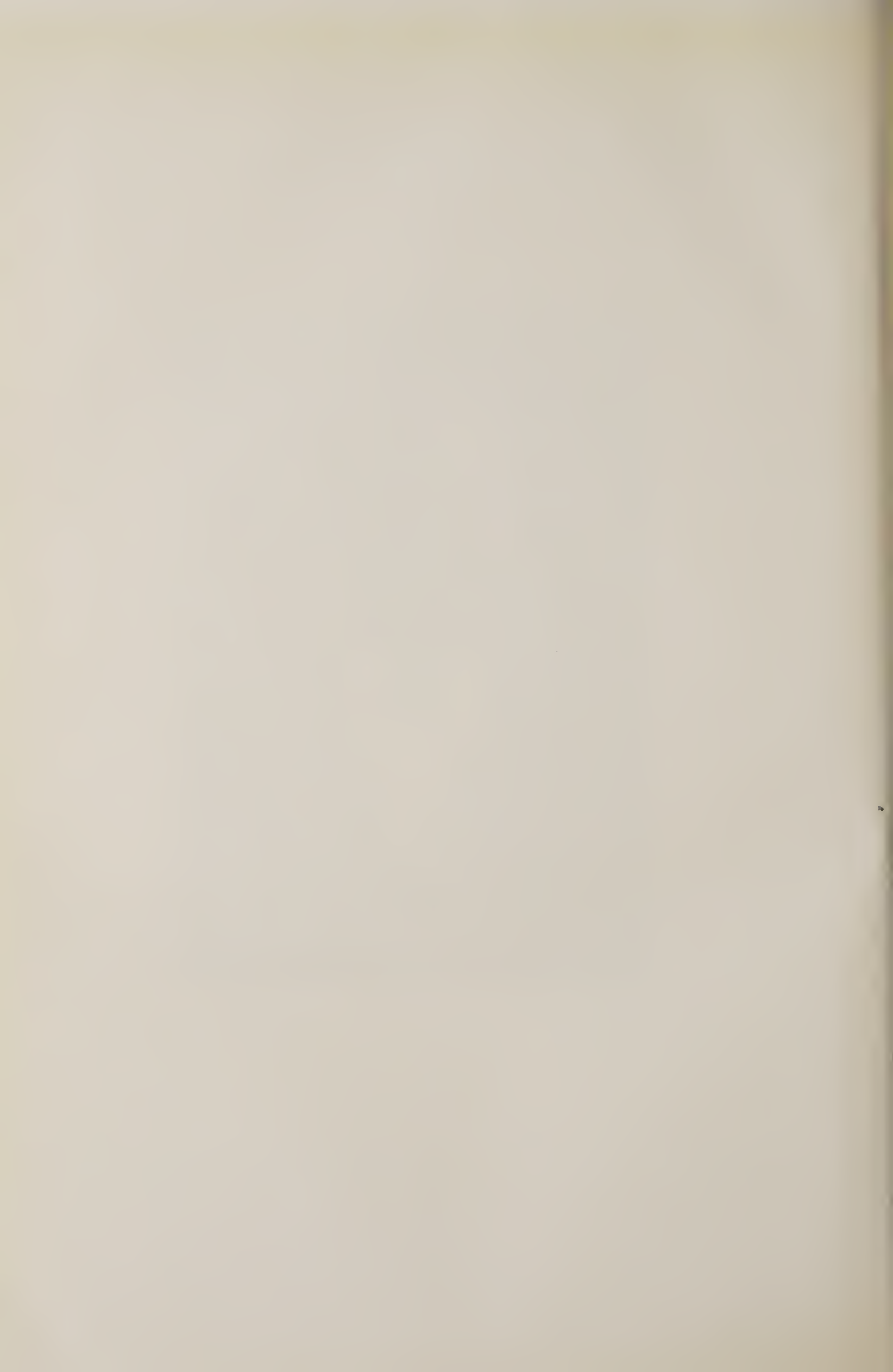
Mr. Klocke was baptized when a child in the Evangelical Lutheran church and has never departed from the teachings which he learned at his mother's knee. His wife and children are also identified with the same religious denomination. He cast his first ballot after arriving 'under the stars and stripes in behalf of the republican party and has seen no reason to change his political affiliation. A patriotic and liberty-loving man, his influence has ever been exerted in behalf of the principles of truth and integrity and his record reflects credit upon his family and honor upon his chosen country. He may truly be designated as among the fortunate ones whose names are recorded in this work.

SAMUEL W. DAVID.

Close application and energy have constituted the basic elements in the success of Samuel W. David, who is well known in Carlinville through his operations in the real estate and insurance field. His worth as a business man and citizen is widely acknowledged in this city where for twenty-seven years he has made his home. He was born in Jersey county, Illinois, near Brighton, November 16, 1849, and is a representative of an old family of Welsh descent. Owen David, born in the little rock-ribbed country of Wales, settled at Duck Creek in Delaware in the latter part of the seventeenth or the early part of the eighteenth century. One of his sons was Enoch David, who was married four times, his fourth wife being Elizabeth Harrison, the daughter of John Harrison, who was a cousin of William Henry Harrison, president of the United States. Enoch David died in November, 1793, and was laid to rest at Woodbridgetown, Pennsylvania, where twenty-one years before had been interred the remains of his wife Elizabeth, who died April 13, 1772. His children were:



S. W. DAVID



Sarah, born May 28, 1765; Daniel George Whitfield, February 10, 1768; and Owen, February 16, 1772.

Of this family Daniel George Whitfield David was the grandfather of Samuel W. David, of this review. He settled near Smithfield, Pennsylvania, where he followed the occupation of farming. He married Elizabeth Wells on the 29th of December, 1789, in Pennsylvania, and both passed away in that state, the latter June 20, 1823, and the former May 8, 1861, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. They had a large family of thirteen children, namely: Rebecca, born October 25, 1790; Enoch, October 14, 1792; Rachael, March 14, 1794; Penelope, April 11, 1796; William, March 3, 1798; Ebenezer, April 15, 1800; Jesse, February 22, 1802; Naomi, February 20, 1804; Isaac G., February 10, 1806; Samuel W., October 4, 1807; Maria, February 9, 1810; Bennoe, April 3, 1812, and Joseph M., April 22, 1816.

Jesse David, the seventh in order of birth in this family, was always a farmer and in 1835 came to Illinois, settling in Jersey county, southwest of Brighton. There he took up government land and in 1850 removed to the vicinity of Bunker Hill, where he passed away April 11, 1852. His family was reared in that locality and there resided until 1864. In early manhood he had wedded Barbara Pentzer. Both were natives of Pennsylvania and Mrs. David was a daughter of George Pentzer, a Pennsylvania farmer, who was of German descent. Her death occurred in Lincoln, Illinois, August 29, 1879. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jesse David were consistent Christian people, holding membership in the Presbyterian church. In their family were the following children: Ashbel G., who died in Carlinville in December, 1910; Jacob P., of Clay county, Illinois; George O., who during the Civil war was lost on the boat called *The Queen of the West*; Jane, the widow of Charles Winans, now of Lincoln, Illinois; Lewis D., of Cameron, Missouri; William I., who passed away in early manhood; and Samuel W., of this review.

The last named was reared on his father's farm about two miles east of Bunker Hill and in his youthful days attended successively the district schools, the Bunker Hill Academy and the high school of Lincoln, Illinois, from which he was graduated. He then took a trip through the west, spending two years, after which he returned to Lincoln, where he learned the tinner's trade, which he followed for a number of years. Subsequently he engaged in the hardware business on his own account at Sullivan, Illinois, for two years, and then returned to Lincoln and clerked in the hardware store in which he had learned his trade. His next removal took him to South Dakota and he spent two years near Blunt, where he took up government land. His residence in Carlinville dates from 1884, when he formed a partnership with his brother, A. G. David, for the publication of the *Carlinville Democrat*. For seventeen years they conducted the paper with great success and then sold out to the present proprietors. Since that time Samuel W. David has engaged in the real-estate and insurance business and has secured a large clientage by his straightforward business methods and unfaltering persistency of purpose.

Mr. David married Miss Hannah C. Fruit, of Bunker Hill, a daughter of Franklin and Elizabeth Fruit. She was born at Jefferson City, Missouri, May 31, 1849. Her parents removed from Missouri and settled near Bunker Hill,

Illinois, where both died when well advanced in years. They were the parents of four children, Eliza, Sarah, Hannah and Benjamin. Mr. and Mrs. David became the parents of five children, namely: Frank E., a printer of Chicago, who married Cora Adams; Jesse G., an engineer operating in Chicago; Alice, at home; Roy, a twin brother of Alice, who died in infancy; and Ralph, residing in California. The mother of these children died in Carlinville, October 7, 1894, in the faith of the Baptist church, of which she was a devoted member.

Mr. David belongs to the Presbyterian church and also to Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., and Macoupin Chapter, No. 87, R. A. M., of both of which he is secretary. Politically he is a republican but has never been an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and the obligations which good citizenship and social relations impose.

FREDERICK W. HARTKE.

Although he arrived in America from a foreign land with only a few dollars in his pocket, Frederick W. Hartke, of Cahokia township, is now one of the wealthy men of Macoupin county. This great change was wrought through his faith in himself, his indomitable perseverance and an energy that has never flagged. His example has inspired many others to persevere in the face of great difficulties and his record is one to which his descendants may always point with pride. He is a native of Prussia, Germany, born April 15, 1843, a son of William and Minnie (Fronneman) Hartke, both of whom spent their entire lives in the old country. The father was a farmer and died after reaching the age of sixty years.

The son, Frederick W., was reared at home and attended the public schools in his boyhood. In the fall of 1863, being then a stalwart young man of twenty, he started for America and landed at the port of New York, traveling directly from that place to St. Louis, in the vicinity of which was living a married sister. When he arrived in the United States the great Civil war was in progress, and although one of his principal reasons for leaving Germany was to avoid military duty, he was anxious to enlist in support of his chosen country. His sister and brother-in-law, however, insisted that he should not do so and paid for a substitute to take his place in the ranks. He lived for a year at the home of his sister and during this time took advantage of the opportunity to attend night school in order to become thoroughly acquainted with the English language. Nearly all the able-bodied men of the neighborhood had gone to the front and Mr. Hartke and an old man who was obliged to stay at home did the butchering for the neighborhood. In 1864 and 1865 he drove a dray on the levee at St. Louis and saw thousands of Confederate prisoners landed from the river steamers under charge of Union soldiers. In 1866 he came to Macoupin county to assist a brother-in-law upon a farm near Mount Olive, who had been injured in a runaway accident, and he continued with him for about five years. The Wabash Railway was then being built through this part of the state and he secured employment on the construction gang. Later he engaged for a year in a mercantile

establishment at Mount Olive and then returned to St. Louis and for four years was identified with the grocery business in that city. Believing that conditions were more favorable in Macoupin county, he once more took up his residence in this section and from that time his fortune was assured. He observed that the Mount Olive Coal Company was sinking a shaft and having faith in the success of the enterprise, he purchased a town lot in a cornfield and erected a building which is now occupied by the Keiser-Nemeyer Mercantile Company and carried forward a mercantile business in his own name for six or eight years. In 1883, having acquired the necessary capital, he purchased the old Andy Cook farm of two hundred and ninety acres, in Cahokia township, upon which he took up his permanent residence. Subsequently he purchased more land and became the owner of more than a section in the county, but during recent years has given a portion of the land to his children, retaining three hundred and seventy-five acres for his own use. He is also an extensive land owner in the "Panhandle" of Texas.

In 1876 Mr. Hartke was married to Miss Minnie Kruse, of Mount Olive township, and they are the parents of eleven children, nine of whom survive, namely: William H., Henry J. and Louis G., all of whom are engaged in farming in Cahokia township; and August, Charles, Sophia, Emma, Minnie and Hulda, all of whom are at home.

Politically Mr. Hartke is in thorough sympathy with the republican party and has been a prominent factor in its behalf in this county. He served for several years as a member of the central committee and also as secretary of the school board. He and his family are actively identified with the Evangelical Lutheran church to which he is a liberal contributor. Since arriving in Macoupin county he has witnessed many improvements and has performed his share in bringing about the important changes which have made this section one of the most desirable places of residence in the state. He has shown rare judgment in his affairs and by his promptness and efficiency has won the honor and esteem of all classes of people.

GEORGE F. FANNING.

Among the business men of Macoupin county who have won high standing by years of perseverance and intelligent application George F. Fanning occupies an honored place. During a large part of his life he successfully engaged in farming and he has also evinced marked ability as a merchant and financier, and is recognized as the possessor of keen discrimination and clear judgment, so essential in making headway against obstacles. He was born in Morgan county, Illinois, March 1, 1857, a son of William R. and Nancy (Moore) Fanning, both of whom were natives of Morgan county. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Joseph Fanning, a native of Illinois and a pioneer of Morgan county. He assisted in raising the first log cabin on the present site of Jacksonville. His wife was Susan Nichols. He was one of the useful members of the community and lived to be eighty-six years of age, his wife passing away at the

age of eighty-five. They had seven children, William R., Lydia, Jane, Mary, George, Agrippa and Frank. The maternal grandparents of our subject both died from cholera in Arkansas about 1848. They had four children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being Ann, Josephus and Nancy.

The father of our subject was reared on a farm in Morgan county and lived in Scottville township, Macoupin county, about fifteen years. He then moved to Melvern, Kansas, and engaged in farming there until his death, which occurred in 1899, when he was sixty-eight years of age. His wife died in 1903, being then about sixty-five years old. They were both members of the Baptist church. Mr. Fanning was an industrious and public-spirited man and held various township offices while living in Illinois. He and his wife were the parents of fourteen children, twelve of whom grew to maturity: George F., of this review; Huldah Jane, who married James J. Hubbel and died in March, 1911; Robert M., of Delaware, Oklahoma; Anna, who is the wife of John H. Dugger, of Melvern, Kansas; John M., who lives in New Mexico; Hester, who married Thomas Langston, of Mattoon, Illinois; Daniel, of Oklahoma; Helen, of Kansas; Emma, who married Edward Smith, of Melvern, Kansas, and is now deceased; Edward, who is a division superintendent of the Santa Fe Railway in New Mexico; Jesse, of Melvern, Kansas; and Amelia, who became the wife of George Bogue, of Wellington, Kansas.

George F. Fanning was reared on his father's farm in Morgan and Macoupin counties. He received his preliminary education in the district schools and later attended Blackburn University. After leaving the university he began teaching school, a vocation in which he engaged for seven years. He then turned his attention to farming and engaged in agriculture and stock-raising until he was thirty-five years of age. In 1892 he came to Carlinville and for eight years was connected with the Cooperative store. He then associated with L. E. Ross, his brother-in-law, in the clothing business under the title of Fanning & Ross, and has continued without interruption in that line. They carry a large and well selected stock, which is constantly replenished according to the demands of the seasons. By reliable methods and close attention to the wants of customers the firm has become one of the prosperous concerns of the city. Mr. Fanning assisted in organizing the Farmers & Merchants Bank in Carlinville in 1904 and is assistant cashier and a member of the board of directors. He is also one of the four general managers of the bank, which is a steadily growing institution. His wife owns a farm of one hundred acres in South Palmyra township.

On the 25th of August, 1881, Mr. Fanning was married to Miss Amelia F. Ross, a daughter of Erastus H. and Elizabeth L. (Pocklington) Ross. To this union three children have been born, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: Earl P., who married Miss Flora C. Steinmeyer and has one child, Dorothy Elizabeth; and Lolah F., who is at home. Mrs. Fanning is a native of Macoupin county. Her parents were born in England and were early settlers of this county, locating in South Palmyra township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. In their family were five children, Mary Jane, Martha, Amelia, Thomas P. and Leonard. The grandfather of Mrs. Fanning on the

paternal side was Thomas Ross and there were six children in his family, Erastus H., Jane, William, Joseph, Sarah and Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. Fanning are both earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He belongs to Orient Lodge, No. 95, K. P., his son Earl P. now serving as chancellor commander of this organization. Politically Mr. Fanning gives his support to the democratic party. He served three terms as supervisor for South Palmyra township and one term as member of the school board in Carlinville. He has the much desired faculty of making and retaining friends and never hesitates to lend his assistance to any cause that gives evidence of promoting the welfare of the community. The enviable reputation which he has gained throughout Macoupin county is convincing evidence of his business integrity and personal worth.

HERMAN J. SHULTZ.

The Elmview Dairy Farm is well known in Macoupin county and its owner, Herman J. Shultz, ranks as one of the prominent dairymen and stock-breeders of Illinois. He was born at Grantsville, Maryland, October 16, 1864, a son of Meshach and Charlotte (Augustine) Shultz. The parents were both born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, the former on May 28, 1831, and the latter April 30, 1835. The family originated in Germany and has been traced as far back as 1760 in Pennsylvania.

Adam Shultz, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Somerset county April 6, 1789, and in middle life located at Grantsville, Maryland, becoming one of the most prominent men of that section. He was twice married and by his first marriage four children were born, namely: Peter, of Garrett county, Maryland, now deceased; Eliza, who married John Royer, of Garrett county, and died in 1910, in her ninety-seventh year; Lydia, who married Mr. Wagner, of Michigan, and is deceased; and Judith, also deceased. The maiden name of the second wife of Mr. Shultz was Nancy Shockey and to this union fourteen children were born. Matilda married Andrew Deahl, of Hickman, Nebraska, and is now deceased. Perry died of cholera in 1866 at St. Louis. Chauncey, who is also deceased, located at St. Louis and served as county judge of St. Louis county about 1870 and was sub-treasurer of the United States at St. Louis under President Cleveland's first administration. Bailey, now deceased, married Catherine Shockey, who is living at Shipman at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Huldah married John Kite, of Shipman, and is also deceased. Alexander made his home at Hutchinson, Kansas, and is deceased. Meshach, the father of our subject. Mary Jane married Andrew Arndt, of Maryland, and died in Shipman. Amanda is the wife of Rev. Isaac N. Augustine, of Grand Island, Nebraska. John A. J., who is also deceased, was president of the Shultz Belting Company and of the St. Louis Manufacturers Association. Van Buren located at Shipman and is now deceased. Sarah Ann, who is also deceased, was the wife of Samuel Brown, of Lexington, Missouri. George M. D. is now living at Kansas City, Missouri, and is engaged in the real-estate

business. Upton, the youngest of the children, died at Denver, Colorado. The grandmother of our subject was a member of one of the old Pennsylvania Dutch families and was a daughter of Christian and Barbara Shockey. Her father assisted in the patriot cause at the time of the Revolutionary war and spent six years and seven months in the army.

Meshach Shultz grew to manhood at Grantsville, Maryland, and was married to Charlotte Augustine, March 20, 1853. He engaged in various lines of business until 1869, when he sold out and emigrated with his family to Illinois, settling in Shipman township, Macoupin county. He was highly prosperous as a farmer and business man and became the owner of about six hundred acres of good land in this county. He was one of the organizers of the Shipman Banking Company and was its first president. In 1891 he took up his residence in Shipman and died in this place December 3, 1907. Mrs. Shultz is a daughter of Jacob F. R. and Justinah (Null) Augustine and is a member of a prominent Pennsylvania family. Her father died at the age of forty-one years, leaving ten children, namely: Elizabeth, who married William Starner, of St. Paul, Minnesota, and is now deceased; Isaac, of Grand Island, Nebraska; Charlotte, who married Meshach Shultz; Rebecca, who became the wife of Michael Hoy, of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and is now deceased; Catharine, the wife of Andrew Kramer, of Somerset county; Joseph, who resides in Wisconsin, near St. Paul, Minnesota; Jacob L., of Grantsville, Maryland; Matilda, who became the wife of James Arndt, of Litchfield, Illinois; Diana, who married Fred Gorman, of Oklahoma; and Cornelia, the wife of John Mitchell, of Moberly, Missouri. Eight children were born to Meshach and Charlotte (Augustine) Shultz. Marshall died at the age of four years. Alonzo Meshach is now living at Shipman. Nancy Jane is the wife of William A. Fischer, of St. Louis, Missouri. Franklin S. is a resident of Shipman and a sketch of his career appears elsewhere in this work. Cora May is the wife of Milton Dodson, of Jerseyville, Illinois. Herman J., the sixth in order of birth, is the subject of this review. Alice Lotta married Chester Miller, of Carlinville. Chesty Anna married Rev. Peter B. Fasold and is now deceased.

Herman J. Shultz spent his youthful days acquiring the rudiments of an education in the public schools and later pursued the higher branches in Carthage College at Carthage, Illinois. He taught school for three years, beginning at the age of nineteen, and then went to Kansas City where he engaged in the grocery business and also conducted a meat market and milk depot. In 1894 he sold out, came to Shipman and entered the dairy business in section 24 of Shipman township. Six years later he purchased two hundred and forty-five acres upon which he now lives and in 1910 acquired eighty-two acres additional in section 19 of Hilyard township, being now the owner of three hundred and twenty-seven acres which is practically in one body. He keeps about seventy head of milch cows and in addition to his dairy business he is a breeder of registered Holstein cattle, Duroc Jersey hogs and Shropshire sheep. His farm is known as the Elmview Dairy Farm and is finely located within the corporate limits of Shipman. He has made many improvements including the erection of cow, horse and sheep barns, tool sheds and fences, and also has put in five miles of tiling. He is now the owner of a model dairy farm and also of one of the

most attractive country homes in the state, which he has acquired through indefatigable industry and sound business judgment. As a breeder of live stock he has gained an established reputation. He is thoroughly alive to the advances made in all branches pertaining to farming and stock-breeding and is a valued member of the National and Illinois Holstein-Friesian Associations and the Duroc Jersey Association.

On the 27th of September, 1887, Mr. Shultz was married to Miss Winifred Maud Smith, a daughter of Phineas H. and Mary (McCombs) Smith, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work, in connection with the sketch of Lester D. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Shultz are the parents of four children, Clarence M., William Albert, Gladys Winifred and Herman J. Melville, all of whom are living at home.

Mr. Shultz is a member of Lodge No. 212, A. F. & A. M., of Shipman, and also of the Modern Woodmen of America. His religious belief is indicated by membership in the Evangelical Lutheran church of Shipman, in which he is now serving as deacon. Ever since he arrived at manhood he has been an adherent of the democratic party. He was president of the village board of Shipman in 1910 and is now a member of the village board and also of the school board. A genial, courteous and accomplished gentleman, his worth to the community is freely acknowledged and it requires no prophet to foretell that as the years pass his influence and his sphere of usefulness will be largely extended.

GEORGE ASBURY BROWN.

There are few men in Macoupin county who are better informed from personal experience as to pioneer life in this section of the state than George A. Brown, who was born at Brighton October 18, 1839, and has made his home in this city during the greater part of his life. As a young man he witnessed many stirring scenes in various parts of the Mississippi valley and also on the great plains and in the early mining camps of the Rocky Mountains, and his reminiscences are more interesting than any tale of fiction.

He is a son of Michael and Sarah E. (Peter) Brown and under the parental roof he grew to manhood, his early education being secured in the public schools of his native town. At the age of eighteen he began to work at the carpenter's trade but his plans were interfered with by the gold excitement which followed the discovery of the yellow metal in Cherry Creek, near the base of the Rocky Mountains, where Denver is now located. Early in 1861 he started with William Loveland and drove an ox team across the plains to Golden, Colorado, where Mr. Loveland engaged in the mercantile business. The young man, however, went into the diggings of Clear Creek and Gilpin counties and spent eight months in an eager search for gold in Eureka Gulch, the Twelve-Mile Diggings and Pine Gulch, devoting the remainder of the year to prospecting. He also spent eight months in the general store of Mr. Loveland at Golden.

In January, 1863, Mr. Brown returned east, traveling as far as Poughkeepsie, New York, where he attended the Eastman Business College. Having completed

a course at that noted institution he came back home and enlisted for the one hundred day service in Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-third Illinois Volunteers, under Captain Dugan. He was stationed with his company at Rock Island, Illinois, and assigned to guard Confederate prisoners. After receiving his discharge he went to Alton, Illinois, and secured employment as clerk in the store of Hathaway & Wade, with whom he continued for a year. He then engaged as clerk in a clothing store for six or eight months and spent the following summer at his trade as a carpenter in southeastern Missouri. He next associated with his brother, James McKendrie Brown, in cultivating a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in McLean county, Illinois, which was owned by their parents, and in February, 1869, returned to Macoupin county and for one year cultivated a portion of the home farm. He then entered the grain business at Brighton, in which he was engaged for many years with marked success, and sold out to his son Russell in 1910. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Brighton and was honored by being elected vice president, a position he has filled to the entire satisfaction of officers, directors and depositors of this growing institution.

In 1869 Mr. Brown was married to Miss Mary Lapsley, who was born in Ohio, of Irish descent, and died in 1886. They were the parents of three children, two of whom survive: Russell S., who is engaged in the grain business at Brighton; and Mary E., the wife of John F. Garber, teacher of botany and physiology in the Yateman high school at St. Louis, Missouri. On the 26th of October, 1892, Mr. Brown was again married, his second union being with Miss Martha R. Fry, a native of Brighton and a daughter of James and Mary E. Fry, who were pioneer settlers of that place.

The name of Mr. Brown is not upon the register of any religious denomination but his wife is an earnest member of the Presbyterian church. Politically he adheres to the republican party whose candidates and principles he has supported for many years. He served as a member of the board of supervisors five years and also as school trustee. For more than four decades he was actively connected with the mercantile interests of Brighton and as a financier ranks among the far-seeing men in this part of the state, his opinion often being sought by persons desiring to make safe and profitable investments. As a result of his good business judgment he occupies a place of large responsibility and is justly held in high esteem.

ROBERT JARMAN.

One of the citizens of Shaws Point township who by the intelligent direction of his affairs has achieved a gratifying degree of success is Robert Jarman, who was born in Devonshire, England, on the 1st of May, 1825. His parents, Philip and Elizabeth (Sloman) Jarman, were natives of the same county. The father, who was a mason by trade, engaged in contracting during the entire period of his active career, his death occurring in 1891. The mother passed away in 1833. Both were members of the Church of England.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT JARMAN

Robert Jarman was reared and educated in his native land, where he resided until he was twenty years of age. In 1845 he emigrated to the United States, locating in Lake county, Illinois, where he worked as a laborer. Later he obtained employment in a brickyard, and after being identified with this for a time he worked as a farm hand. Having acquired a little capital he then went down the river to Alton, where he bought a horse and wagon and engaged in draying. After devoting three years to that activity he went to Jersey county, where he became associated with a cousin in cultivating a farm for a similar period. At the expiration of that time he came to Macoupin county and bought eighty acres of land in Honey Point township, which he immediately set about improving and cultivating. The operation of this proved so lucrative that four years later he was able to add to his holdings another one hundred and twenty acres. He continued increasing his possessions until he had acquired four hundred acres of land, to the cultivation of which he still gives his personal supervision. His is unquestionably one of the finest farms in Macoupin county. Mr. Jarman is a firm believer in scientific farming and has always made a very careful study of modern agricultural methods. The ideas of the scientist and theorist united with his practical experience, covering a long period, have been productive of most gratifying results. His land, which was always fertile, has been drained and cultivated in accordance with the best approved methods and by means of the rotation of crops each acre has been made to yield the maximum amount, the quality being fully equal to the quantity. His buildings are conveniently arranged and practically and substantially constructed, providing ample room for the shelter of both stock and farming implements as well as for the products of his fields. In connection with the cultivation of his land Mr. Jarman has always engaged in the breeding and raising of high grade stock, particularly horses. He at one time kept three high-priced stallions and now owns one named Prince Victor that came from the mews of the late King Edward of England, for which Mr. Jarman paid three thousand dollars. He is a beautiful animal and from him have been raised some very fine colts. Mr. Jarman always keeps about twenty-five head of horses and from eighty to one hundred head of shorthorn cattle, while he annually raises about sixty hogs.

On the 4th of March, 1861, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Jarman and Miss Selinda McDow, who was born in Jersey county, Illinois, on the 28th of April, 1835. She is a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Lindsey) McDow, the father a native of North Carolina and the mother of Kentucky. Mr. McDow located in Jersey county during the pioneer days of Illinois and there he entered land which he improved and cultivated until his death in 1881. The mother passed away in 1861. By the union of Mr. and Mrs. Jarman there were born nine children, only five of whom attained maturity; Maggie M.; Elmer E.; Carrie E., who died in 1888, at the age of twenty years; Laura; and Charles O.

Mr. Jarman, having been reared a conformist, has always preferred the Episcopal church, but his wife and family affiliate with the Christian denomination. He also belongs to the Farmers Mutual Benefit Association and Shaws Point H. T. D. S. His allegiance to the country of his adoption was shown in a most practical manner in 1864 by his enlisting in Company K, One Hundred and Forty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He went to the front in the autumn

under Captain Usted, but was soon taken ill and sent to the hospital. Upon his recovery he was assigned guard duty at Alton and St. Louis, continuing to serve in that capacity until he was mustered out on the 24th of May, 1865. He is now awarded a pension of twenty dollars per month, because of his age, as he is now eighty-six. He maintains relations with his army comrades through the medium of his membership in the local Grand Army of the Republic, to the principles of which organization he has ever been loyal. Mr. Jarman exercises his political rights in support of the men and measures of the republican party, and although he has never prominently participated in governmental affairs, has been township commissioner for several years. Despite his years he is hale and hearty and gives his personal supervision to the work of his farm, where he and his wife, who is now seventy-six, continue to make their home.

GEORGE WELD HILLIARD.

George Weld Hilliard, president of the First National Bank of Brighton and prominent as a capable farmer and business man, is a native of Macoupin county and during a long and active life has been remarkably successful in promoting the permanent interests of this region. Born in Brighton, November 1, 1840, he is a son of Amos Avery and Charlotte (Towne) Hilliard, both of whom were born in New Hampshire. The ancestors of the family were early residents of New England and the name has been well known in New Hampshire for many years. Amos A. Hilliard came west in 1832 and engaged in shipping pork by river to New Orleans. On one occasion he accompanied the cargo down the Mississippi and the boat struck a snag and went to the bottom, all the passengers being drowned except Mr. Hilliard and two others. He returned to New Hampshire but came back again to Illinois in 1834, and from that time during the remainder of his life was identified with Brighton township, becoming the owner of a valuable farm of four hundred and twenty-five acres. He was three times married. His first marriage took place on the 30th of November, 1857, to Charlotte Towne, who was born August 4, 1802, and came with her brother Rodney to Macoupin county, Illinois, in 1833. To this union two sons were born, one of whom died at the age of four years, the other being George W. of this review. The mother of these children died August 8, 1845, and in 1846 Mr. Hilliard was married to Mrs. Harriet Towne, the widow of Joseph Boutwell Towne, a brother of his first wife. She died in October, 1872, and in the year following Mr. Hilliard was married to Mrs. A. S. Everett. He was a man of good education and of unusual enterprise and business ability, being noted as a fruit grower and also for the production of an excellent quality of vinegar and cider. He possessed unusual public spirit and his death, February 28, 1878, occasioned general regret throughout a section with which he had been actively identified for more than forty years.

George W. Hilliard received his early education in the district schools and later attended Shurtleff College of Upper Alton, being a student of that institution for three years, from 1857 to 1859 inclusive. After leaving college he took

a course in the Bryant & Stratton Business College at St. Louis. After returning home he assisted his father in farm work until the close of the Civil war and then assumed the management of the home farm, which he inherited upon the death of his father. He was one of the first to devote special attention to fruit culture in Macoupin county and gained a national reputation for cider and vinegar produced upon his farm. In April, 1909, he assisted in organizing the First National Bank of Brighton and has since served as its president. He has been unusually fortunate in his investments and in addition to his interests he and his wife are the owners of six hundred and forty acres of land in Brighton township.

In 1864 Mr. Hilliard was married to Miss Celia Adelaide Chase, a daughter of Taylor H. Chase, who was a schoolmate of Amos A. Hilliard in New Hampshire and came with him to Macoupin county, Illinois. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard, five of whom survive, namely: Charles Avery, who is in charge of the home farm; Stella, who is the wife of Allen A. Davison, of Morgan Park, Illinois; Leah and Frank Wyman, twins, the former of whom is at home and the latter an electrical engineer in the employ of the General Electric Company of St. Louis; and Gladys, who is at home.

In politics Mr. Hilliard adheres to the republican party but has never been an office seeker and has at various times declined to allow his name to be placed upon the ticket as a candidate for county supervisor. He is a member of Hibbard Lodge, No. 249, A. F. & A. M., and holds a demit from Alton Chapter, No. 8, R. A. M. He and his wife are identified with the Baptist church, in which he has served for many years as trustee. A few years ago he retired from active business affairs and spends about nine months of each year in St. Louis, the remainder of the year being passed amidst familiar scenes on the old family homestead. He is a man of unusual pleasing address, of unquestioned integrity and ability and has now arrived at an age when he can enjoy at ease the results of many years of activity. He has won an enviable reputation in the business and financial world and is justly honored and esteemed wherever he is known.

JOHN C. DEFFENBAUGH.

The country owes a great debt to the successful farmers and stock breeders who produce food for millions engaged in other occupations and who constitute an indispensable element in American citizenship. In this class is John C. Deffenbaugh, one of the most successful men along the lines named in Macoupin county. He is a native of Bunker Hill township and was born September 2, 1859, a son of George and Minerva (Clauson) Deffenbaugh. The parents were both born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and were of German descent, the first ancestors of the family in America arriving in Pennsylvania from the old country about two hundred years ago. The grandfather of our subject was David Deffenbaugh, a prominent farmer, who spent his entire life in the Keystone state. George Deffenbaugh, the father, left Pennsylvania about 1841 and settled on a farm in Bureau county, near Princeton, Illinois. In 1859 he came

to Macoupin county and located in Polk township on land now known as the Pasturedale Farm, which is owned by the subject of this review. He lived in this county until his death, which occurred May 3, 1888. His body reposes in the Baptist cemetery at Spanish Needle. The mother made her home with the subject of this review after the death of her husband and survived until January 8, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Deffenbaugh were greatly respected throughout the community and were worthy representatives of the noble class of pioneer men and women to whom the present generation is indebted for many of the blessings now enjoyed. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Deffenbaugh were eight children: David and Solomon, both of whom are deceased; Margaret, who married Ira R. Lewis and both are now deceased; Annie, who became the wife of Charles S. King and is also deceased; Bertha, who married W. R. Hassett, of Carlinville; Amos, who resides on the old homestead, in Polk township; Hattie, who became the wife of W. H. Whitlock, and resides on a farm near Medora; and John C.

John C. Deffenbaugh possessed advantages of attendance at the district schools of Polk township and continued assisting his father upon the home farm until after reaching twenty-one years of age. He then rented land from his father and after four or five years purchased eighty acres in Polk township upon which he took up his home. In 1904 the residence caught fire from a kitchen flue and was burned to the ground. Since that time Mr. Deffenbaugh has lived upon his place, on section 31, Brushy Mound township, which he purchased two years before the fire. He has been very active and energetic in his vocation and owns a farm of one hundred and thirty-two acres which was named by himself and his brother the Edgewood Farm because of its location on the edge of the Polk township mound of timber. He also owns a valuable farm of two hundred and eighty acres in Polk township which is used as pasture land, hence the name Pasturedale, given by Mr. Deffenbaugh to this place. He and his sons are engaged upon an extensive scale in general farming and also as breeders and raisers of registered Hereford cattle, a herd of thirty head being evidence of their ability in this line. Mr. Deffenbaugh also engages as a buyer and feeder of cattle and hogs and ships regularly to the St. Louis market. His farm is one of the best improved properties in Macoupin county and everything about it reflects high credit upon its owner.

Mr. Deffenbaugh was married October 25, 1883, to Miss Sarah E. Wheeler, a daughter of Jehu and Ellen (Huddleston) Wheeler. The mother was born in Brushy Mound township July 18, 1835, and the father in Kentucky, January 18, 1829. He came to Macoupin county in his young manhood and continued here during the remainder of his life, being one of the successful farmers of Gillespie township. He died on the old homestead July 25, 1890, his wife following September 24, 1894. There were eleven children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, namely: Laura Anna, who was born December 26, 1853, and died December 15, 1868; Nancy Katharine, who was born in 1855 and died January 14, 1857; Sarah E., who was born May 6, 1857, and married John C. Deffenbaugh; James Robert, who was born November 23, 1858, and died September 16, 1859; Martha E., who was born October 6, 1860, and is now living in Carlinville; Mary E., born July 8, 1863, who married Clarence Rice, a

farmer, of Gillespie township; Jennie, who was born April 29, 1865, and died September 11, 1867; William Colfax, who was born June 26, 1867, and is engaged in farming in Cahokia township; Stella May, born December 23, 1870, who married Arthur Bradley, superintendent of train dispatchers at Atlanta, Georgia; Clara Emma, who was born April 26, 1872, and died June 6, 1896; and Isabelle, born June 27, 1875, who married Horace McBride, a paving contractor of Carlinville, Illinois. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Deffenbaugh. Minerva, the eldest, is living at home. David Clauson attended Blackburn College at Carlinville and is now a student in his second year at Barnes Medical College. Porter P., the third in order of birth, is also at home. Flossie E. died May 7, 1904. John C., Jr., the youngest of the children, is a student in the Carlinville high school.

Mr. Deffenbaugh was for many years a staunch supporter of the republican party but a few years ago changed his views and has since been an advocate of prohibition. He served for six years as township school trustee and for one year as collector of Polk township. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic Lodge and the lodge of Modern Woodmen of America at Plainview and is now holding the office of junior warden in the former organization. His eldest son, D. Clauson, is an active member of the Masonic order, having attained the Royal Arch degree, and is also connected with the Woodmen. Mrs. Deffenbaugh holds membership in the Order of the Eastern Star at Plainview. By a useful and honorable life Mr. Deffenbaugh has established a reputation for integrity and fair dealing which is greatly to be preferred above wealth gained through injustice or misrepresentation. He has shown an efficiency and progressiveness in his business affairs and a promptness in the discharge of his responsibilities that have won him the honor and esteem of all classes of people, hence he is highly deserving of representation in this work.

WILLIAM DWIGHT GRAHAM, M. D.

During his entire life a resident of Carlinville, Dr. William Dwight Graham, now deceased, is remembered as one of the most popular citizens of Macoupin county—a man who never shirked responsibility and who faithfully performed his part as an earnest, conscientious and patriotic citizen. He was born in Carlinville, November 28, 1847, a son of Milo and Hannah (Dugger) Graham. The father was a native of Connecticut and the mother of Kentucky. They both belonged to pioneer families and were reared at Carlinville.

The father of our subject learned the tailor's trade but went into the drug business at Carlinville and was identified with that business during the remainder of his life. He was three times married, his first wife being Hannah Dugger, who died in 1851. She was the mother of twelve children, three of whom grew to maturity: Susan Savilla, who married Captain George Hunter; Mary, who was twice married, her first husband being Samuel Berry, who died at Carlinville, and her second husband, Simon Peter; and William Dwight, of this review. The second wife of Mr. Graham was Mrs. Ann (Valentine) Boring, and

there were five or six children born to this union, one of whom survives—Effie F., who is now the wife of Fred Curtis. The third wife of Mr. Graham was Sophia Applegate. He died in 1884, at the age of sixty-three years, and is buried in the cemetery at this city.

William D. Graham grew up under the parental roof and after attending the public schools became a student of Blackburn University. Having determined to devote his energies to the practice of medicine, he pursued the study at Rush Medical College, Chicago, and also in Philadelphia. He practiced successfully for a time in Carlinville and then entered the drug business with his father, subsequently becoming the owner of the store. He entered into partnership with his step-brother A. M. Boring and the business was conducted under the title of Graham & Boring for a number of years. Dr. Graham then entered the grocery business but later bought out Mr. Boring in the drug business and associated with his son William R. Graham, who still continues in charge of the store. This business has been in the family without interruption for fifty-six years.

On the 29th of July, 1869, Dr. Graham was married to Miss Mary A. Rice, a daughter of Hiram J. and Sarah M. (Andrews) Rice. To this union three children were born. Florence, the eldest, married Howard O. Tally and has one child, Josephine. Frank engaged in the railroad business and died January 30, 1905. He was married to Elizabeth Regelman and they had five children, Frank William, Mary Agnes, Clarence H., Margaret M. and Catharine T. William R., the youngest of the children of Dr. and Mrs. Graham, is a pharmacist and druggist and was his father's successor in business. He married Lou Graves and they have two daughters, Irene and Susan L.

Mrs. Mary A. Graham was born on a farm six miles south of Carlinville and made her home there until ten years of age. She then went to Hillsboro and lived with an uncle, Judge Edward Y. Rice. Later she attended the Sacred Heart convent in St. Louis and St. Agnes Hall, a school for young ladies at Terre Haute, Indiana. After her marriage she took up her residence at Carlinville, which has since been her home. Her father died on the old homestead south of Carlinville in 1880, after reaching the age of seventy-two years, and her mother died in 1895, also aged seventy-two. They had four children: Mary A., who became the wife of Dr. William Dwight Graham; Florence M.; Frank A.; and Clarence R. The grandfather of Mrs. Graham on the paternal side was Francis Rice, who was born in North Carolina. He moved to Kentucky and was married in that state, but on account of his disapproval of slavery he came to Illinois in 1833 and settled in Macoupin county. His wife was Mary H. Gooch. They had a family of eleven or twelve children. The grandfather of Mrs. Graham on the maternal side was Robert Andrews. He was a native of Scotland and came to America and settled near Brighton, Illinois, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Dr. Graham died November 16, 1906, having arrived at the age of fifty-nine years lacking twelve days. He served for nearly three years as member of the One Hundred and Twenty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war and in the army as during his entire active life was always found at the post of duty. Socially he belonged to the Court of Honor and the Royal Amer-

icans and politically he gave his earnest support to the republican party. A man of broad mind, pleasing manners and charitable disposition, he made friends readily and his memory will ever be venerated by all who had the honor of his acquaintance. Mrs. Graham has for over forty-two years been a resident of Carlinville and because of her estimable traits of character enjoys the unqualified regard and esteem of the entire community.

WILLIAM H. MEYER.

It is doubtful whether Cahokia township can claim a more industrious or persevering citizen than William H. Meyer, whose farm is visible evidence of his thrift and good judgment. A native of Prussia, Germany, he can claim descent from Teutonic ancestry on both sides of the house. He was born December 31, 1853, a son of Henry and Mary (Lafemann) Meyer. The father came to the United States with his family in the spring of 1858, landing at New Orleans after a voyage of eleven weeks in a sailing vessel. The trip to St. Louis was made in a river steamer and thence the travelers journeyed to Morgan county, Illinois, and Mr. Meyer found employment on a farm near Jacksonville. He was a man of persistence and energy, and possessed a laudable desire to become financially independent. As soon as conditions permitted he rented a farm on his own account, and in 1864 or 1865 took up his residence on a place in Macoupin county, one and one-half miles northeast of Mount Olive. This land he purchased in 1866 and applied himself with such energy and good judgment, that he became the owner of one hundred and eighty acres of well improved land. He died in 1874, having attained a position as one of the responsible citizens of the county. Mrs. Meyer survived her husband until 1883.

At the age of five years William H. Meyer arrived with his parents in Macoupin county. He received his education in the district schools and early decided to devote his life to farming, a business for which he is eminently adapted both by inclination and natural ability. After the death of his father he cultivated part of the home farm, and later purchased his brother's interest in the estate, becoming the sole owner of the place. He has acquired adjoining land and his home farm now comprises three hundred and thirty-three acres. He also owns one hundred acres two miles southeast of his home place. He possesses essential characteristics of a successful business man and, having made a good start on the road to prosperity, he never turned back. For six years past he has made a specialty of raising thoroughbred Percheron horses, and has produced some of the finest specimens of this breed that have been reared in the county. He takes an active interest in supporting legitimate enterprises and is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Mount Olive.

On June 12, 1879, Mr. Meyer was married to Miss Wilhelmina Gehner, a daughter of Casper Gehner. The father was born in Germany and was one of the early settlers of Macoupin county. He is now deceased. Eleven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, all of whom survive. Their names are: Charlotte, who is the wife of William Grossenheider, of Montgomery county,

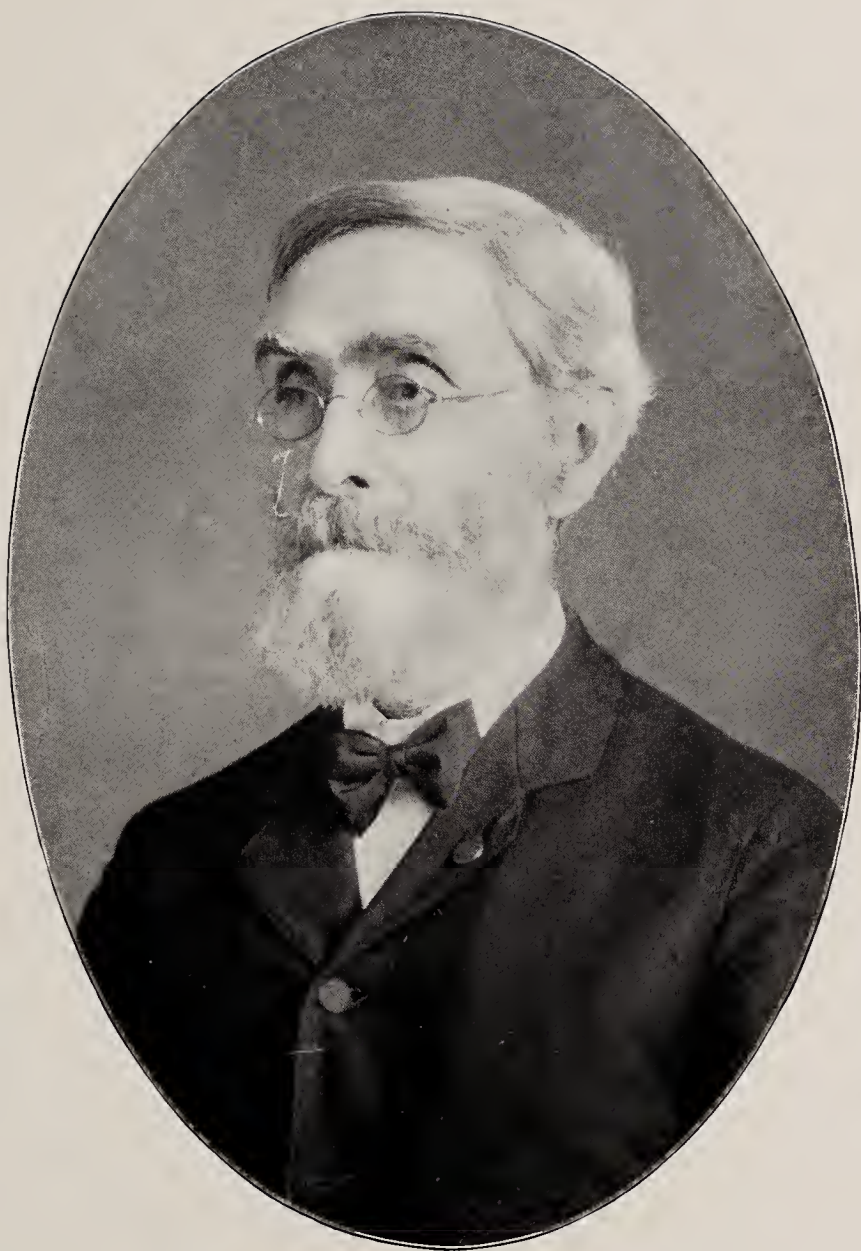
Illinois; August, who is in charge of his father's one hundred acre farm; Minnie, who married John Prange, of Washington, Kansas; and William, Emma, Lydia, Lena, Emil, Ella, Clara and Edward, all of whom are living at home.

As a representative man of this section Mr. Meyer has exercised a beneficent influence and the value of his life to the community is not to be measured so much by his wealth as by his character. Eminently just in all his dealings and willing to assist in forwarding every movement which aims to secure the advancement of the community, he is accorded the respect that belongs to those who recognize their responsibilities and faithfully attempt to perform their duty.

E. W. HAYES.

A successful member of the Macoupin county bar is E. W. Hayes, who for the past forty-four years has been a resident of Bunker Hill. He was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, on the 30th of January, 1837, and is of Irish extraction, being a direct descendant of David Hayes, who with his brothers emigrated to America prior to the Revolution. He first settled in the vicinity of Dauphin, Pennsylvania, and some years afterward with his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Wilson, removed to Franklin county, that state. That section, which was then considered far removed from the centers of civilization, was just beginning to be settled by the whites. They located on a farm in South Hampton township, where they spent the remainder of their lives and that property remained in the family for two generations thereafter. It was the birthplace of Wilson Hayes, to whom it descended upon the death of his father. He continued to engage in the cultivation of the land, on which he spent practically his entire life, until his death at the age of seventy-two years. For his wife Wilson Hayes chose Miss Mary Culbertson, who was also of Irish extraction and like himself a faithful and earnest member of the Presbyterian church. Six children were born of this union, the old homestead becoming the property of the eldest, David, after the father passed away. He operated the land for many years and then, disposing of it, removed to Shippensburg, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, where he was living at the time of his demise at the age of sixty-seven years. He married Nancy Cowell, a native of Cumberland county, and they became the parents of six sons and two daughters, all of whom lived to attain maturity. The mother also passed away in Cumberland county.

The boyhood and youth of E. W. Hayes were as uneventful and unvaried in their routine as those of the majority of lads who are reared on a farm. He acquired his early education in the common schools of his native state, after the completion of which he entered Lafayette College at Easton, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated. He then taught two years in an academy at Dickinson, Pennsylvania. When the call came for troops he was one of the first to respond, going to the front as a private in Company A, Seventh Pennsylvania Reserves, which formed a part of the Army of the Potomac. He saw much active service, participating in both battles of Bull Run, that of Antietam and Fredericks-



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burg, as well as many of lesser importance. Although he was in the thick of many closely contested skirmishes and battles he was never wounded, but he did contract typhoid fever, finally being discharged on account of disability. He returned home much broken in health and after he had recovered sufficiently resumed his law studies, entering the office of R. P. McClure, and was admitted to the bar in 1865. Two years later he took up his residence in Illinois, locating at Bunker Hill, where he has since made his home. He has ever been a credit to his profession, both as a student and in his methods of practice, and is held in high regard by his fellow members of the bar, wherever he is known.

In Franklin county, Pennsylvania, April 13, 1870, Mr. Hayes married Miss Margaret F. Heck, who was born in Shippensburg, Cumberland county, on the 18th of July, 1848. Mrs. Hayes is a daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Sturgeon) Heck, the father of Dutch extraction and the mother of Scotch-Irish. To Mr. and Mrs. Hayes were born six children: Margaret G., Bertha, Edgar H., Ralph H. and Joseph A., all living; and Alma, deceased.

The family were reared in the Congregational faith, of which church both Mr. and Mrs. Hayes are members. He is a staunch republican and was twice nominated for county judge but was defeated because of the overwhelming democratic majority at the time. He is an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic and always takes a helpful interest in all organizations which will in any way improve local conditions or elevate the standard of the community, having nearly always been officially connected with such. He has ever been loyal and public-spirited, his high ideals of citizenship making his influence felt throughout the community.

LEONARD M. DICKERSON.

Leonard M. Dickerson, widely known as a druggist and general merchant of Brighton, was born in this place January 13, 1863, and is one of its most enterprising citizens. He is a son of Dr. Jacob T. and Amanda M. (Loveland) Dickerson, the former of whom was a native of Delaware. The mother was born in Rhode Island and came to Brighton with her parents in her girlhood, her father, Leonard Loveland, being one of the early settlers of Macoupin county. Dr. Jacob T. Dickerson came to Brighton in 1859, while he was still a student of a medical college in Philadelphia, in which he had spent two terms. He taught school at Bethany during the summer and fall and then returned to Philadelphia where he completed his medical course. In the spring of 1860 he began the practice of his profession at Brighton and became one of the leading physicians and surgeons of this part of the state. He engaged actively in his profession for thirty-eight years and died in 1898, in his seventieth year. In religious faith he was a Methodist and he was one of the prominent supporters of the church at Brighton. Fraternally he was identified with the Odd Fellows and held a number of the principal offices in that organization.

Mr. Dickerson of this sketch acquired his early education in the public schools of Brighton and later attended Brighton Academy under Professor Nathaniel

Hill, who was for a number of years a member of the faculty of Dartmouth College. After completing the course at the academy Mr. Dickerson became a student of Blackburn University at Carlinville. In 1885 he went to Florida where he spent several months planting an orange orchard and also looking about for business opportunities. Not finding any favorable openings, he returned home and associated with his father in the drug business which he later had established about 1865. Believing that the field was large enough for a new business venture, they opened a general mercantile establishment which is now the leading house of the kind at Brighton. Mr. Dickerson traveled for four years, from 1892 to 1896, as a representative of a wholesale grocery concern, but did not relinquish his interests at Brighton. He has proved one of the reliable men of the community and the business which he has seen grow from its inception is now firmly established and yields a handsome annual revenue upon the capital and labor expended.

On December 15, 1886, Mr. Dickerson was married to Miss Jeannette Robertson, a native of Jersey county, Illinois. Two children have been born to this union, one of whom, Courtney Loveland, survives. Mr. Dickerson has been a close observer and a practical student of men and affairs, being also a progressive and wide-awake business man who aims to keep well abreast of the progress which is a distinguishing characteristic of the twentieth century. He is a valued member of Hibbard Lodge, No. 249, A. F. & A. M., and Brighton Lodge, No. 366, I. O. O. F. Possessing a kindly heart and a cordial manner, he has readily made friends and today is one of the most popular and respected citizens of Brighton.

JAMES R. BROWN.

James R. Brown, who lives upon an attractive farm on section 21, Western Mound township, where he has made his home for three years past, was born in Clark county, Missouri, October 29, 1871. He is a son of George and Arena (Gully) Brown, the former of whom was of German-Irish descent and was a native of Pike county, Missouri. After arriving at manhood he devoted his attention to farming. The mother was born in Scotland and died when the subject of this review was six years of age. The father passed away four years later. There were two children in the family: Edith, who died at the age of ten years; and James R.

Having lost his parents in his early boyhood, James R. Brown would have been obliged to seek a home among strangers had it not been for a kind-hearted aunt, in whose household he remained until fifteen years of age. He then started out to meet the world and his first employment was in a brickyard belonging to Hausman Brothers, of Fort Madison, Iowa. He continued with this firm for two years and then went to work in the yards of the Santa Fe Railway at Fort Madison and assisted in car repair work for five years. At the end of the time named he was transferred to New Mexico, but gave up his position after four years and returned to Missouri. In 1903 he came to Macoupin county, Illinois, and for a year engaged in farm labor in Bird township. He was then married

and for two years cultivated a farm belonging to his father-in-law. He next rented the Albert Morris farm in Bird township for one year and, having acquired the necessary capital, purchased the place upon which he has since lived in Western Mound township. He moved to his farm in January, 1908, and has since engaged with marked success in general farming and stock-raising. He owns one hundred and sixty acres, five acres of which are in timber, and maintains a good grade of stock, his milk stock being fully equal to any in this part of the county. He also raises Poland China hogs of such a fine quality that they are subject to register. He is fortunate in owning a well-watered place, which is excellently adapted for stock-raising, and as he uses good judgment in his business his efforts meet with deserved reward.

On the 24th of December, 1904, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Sabina Wilton, who was born in England and came to America with her parents when two years of age. By this union one child, Beulah, was born May 9, 1911. Mrs. Brown is a daughter of George Wilton, who was the owner of a farm one-half mile east of Medora. He died five years ago and his wife passed away when the daughter Sabina was six years old. They were the parents of ten children: Flora, who is deceased; William, who makes his home in Wisconsin; John, who resides near Medora; Edward and Charles, both of Chesterfield township; Sidney, who lives on the old home place near Medora; Lillian, of Nebraska; Augusta, who lives near Medora; Richard, whose home is near Kemper, Illinois; and Sabina, now Mrs. James R. Brown.

Mr. Brown is an earnest supporter of the republican party and socially is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America at Chesterfield. He is not connected with any religious denomination, but his wife is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Medora. He was early thrown upon his own resources, but he possessed the courage and endurance to meet and overcome all obstacles to his advancement and today is one of the substantial citizens of Macoupin county. His life has been characterized by enterprise and progress and to these excellent qualities may be attributed a large measure of his success.

M. SPENCER BROWN.

M. Spencer Brown, for thirteen years past postmaster of Brighton, is a native son of that city. He was born March 20, 1841, and has there made his home for more than seventy years, during a large part of which time he has been prominently identified with its development. His parents were Michael and Sarah E. (Peter) Brown, the former of whom was born near Mechanicsburg, Ohio, June 4, 1810. The father came to Upper Alton, Illinois, in 1825, and in 1830 arrived at Brighton and associated with his brother in locating eighty acres of government land in this region. He became one of the leading men of Macoupin county and acquired five hundred and fifty acres of valuable farm land, part of it being in McLean and Madison counties. He was married November 15, 1836, to Sarah E. Peter and to this union seven children were born, namely: James McKendrie,

George A., M. Spencer, Emily J., Thomas C., Charles W. and Edward B. The mother of these children died July 15, 1851, and in March, 1853, Mr. Brown was married to Mrs. M. A. Sumner, who was a native of New York. By his second marriage he became the father of two children, William H. and Allen R. He took a prominent part in public affairs and gave his adherence to the republican party, being one of its most earnest supporters. He was also actively interested in the promotion of education and was a strong advocate of temperance. In religious faith he was a Methodist.

In the common schools M. Spencer Brown received his preliminary education and under his father he was made acquainted with the best known methods of agriculture and stock-raising. He arrived at manhood shortly after the Civil war opened and on August 10, 1862, responded to his country's call and enlisted under Captain L. P. Peebles in Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-second Illinois Infantry. This was the Macoupin county regiment, which entered service under Colonel John I. Rinaker, who afterward became a brigadier general in the Union army. An interesting record of General Rinaker is presented elsewhere in this work. In December of the year following his enlistment Private Brown was transferred to the commissary department of the Fifteenth Division, Tenth Army Corps, and was made clerk in the department. He served in this capacity during the remainder of the war and participated in many important movements, among which was Sherman's march to the sea. After receiving his honorable discharge July 15, 1865, at Louisville, Kentucky, he came to Bloomington, Illinois, and assisted in drawing up the official report of the department with which he had been connected and received one hundred dollars per month from July 15 to October 1.

After his return home Mr. Brown reentered the store of Eleazer Butler, of Brighton, with which he had been identified as clerk before enlistment in the army. At the end of a year he purchased one-half interest in the business, the firm becoming Butler & Brown. Under competent management the patronage largely increased and later the firm opened a branch house at Medora. However, Mr. Brown found his health giving way on account of over application and confinement within doors and he disposed of his interest and retired for a year or two to his farm in this vicinity. His usual strength being restored, he accepted a position with a dry-goods firm at Alton and continued with this house for eight years, during which time, however, he retained his residence in Brighton and traveled back and forth each day on the railway. After resigning from his position he assisted in organizing the Grain Dealers Association of Brighton for the purpose of diverting grain from the warehouses to the three large mills at Alton. He was made secretary of the association and in this capacity traveled widely throughout this part of the state for about eight years, being one of the largest producers of grain for home consumption. The association finally passed out of existence on account of changes in manner of conducting business and in 1898 Mr. Brown was appointed postmaster of Brighton, a position which he has since filled to the entire satisfaction of patrons and officials at Washington. He and his wife own about two hundred and thirty-five acres of land, which includes his undivided interest in the Brown estate, and he is recognized as one of the thoroughly reliable and substantial business men of the community.

On the 22d of October, 1867, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Mary Frances Gilson, a daughter of James W. Gilson, who was one of the pioneers of Macoupin county. Three children have been born to this union, two of whom survive. Leila Marion is the widow of F. J. Fritchie and makes her home with her parents. Spencer Gilson is a graduate of Blackburn College and Princeton University and received the degree of LL. B. from Yale University. He is now actively engaged in the practice of law at Brighton and has gained an enviable position as one of the most promising young attorneys in Macoupin county.

Politically Mr. Brown, whose name stands at the head of this sketch, adheres to the republican party and has served as member of the county board of supervisors. Fraternally he is connected with Hibbard Lodge, No. 249, A. F. & A. M.; Alton Chapter, No. 8, R. A. M.; and Belvidere Commandery, No. 2, K. T., this being the second oldest commandery in the state. He is one of the active workers in the Methodist Episcopal church and from 1876 to 1910 with the exception of one year served as superintendent of the Sunday school at Brighton. Mrs. Brown and the son and daughter are members of the Presbyterian church. By a life of unusual activity and effectiveness in promoting worthy undertakings Mr. Brown has earned the high regard in which he is held by the people of this city, and is recognized as one of its foremost citizens—a man whose greatest delight has been found in promoting the comfort and happiness of others.

PHILIP REDINGTON.

A native of Madison county, Illinois, Philip Redington became a resident of Macoupin county in his boyhood and has spent the greater part of his life in this county, gaining a position through his industry and good management as one of its highly prosperous citizens. The record of his birth was lost but he is now about fifty-three years of age and in the prime of his strength and usefulness. His parents were Michael and Honorah (Malloy) Redington, both of whom were born in Ireland, the former being a native of County Galway. The father came to the United States early in life and settled in Western Mound township, Macoupin county, about the close of the Civil war. The mother died when the son Philip was in his infancy, he being her only child. The father afterwards married Mrs. Mary Tuhey and to this union two children were born: Michael, deceased; and Julia, the wife of Terrence Mullen, of Chicago. Mr. Redington died about four years after locating in Macoupin county. He was a member of the Catholic church and his body was the first to be buried in the Catholic cemetery at Carlinville.

Being deprived of his father by death in boyhood Philip Redington took up his home with an uncle, John Redington, and continued in his family until about twenty years of age. He possessed advantages of attendance at the public schools of Western Mound township, and as he grew to manhood assisted his uncle in work about the farm. He secured employment with the Santa Fe Railway Company and was for six years connected with bridge construction on that line, the principal portion of the time being spent in Kansas. He advanced

to the position of foreman of the construction gang but he came to the conclusion that more favorable opportunities were presented in agriculture and stock-raising than in the employment of the railway company. He, therefore, resigned his position and returned to Macoupin county and for three years rented the John Arnett place. At the end of this time, having acquired sufficient capital, he purchased one hundred acres of land in sections 22 and 27 of Western Mound township. He has made all the improvements on the place, including buildings, fences, drainage, and the setting out of an orchard and shade trees, making it a highly desirable property. Owing to his close application and good business judgment he has prospered in his chosen calling and has no reason to regret becoming permanently identified with Macoupin county.

On the 4th of October, 1887, Mr. Redington was married to Miss Anna McAleney, a daughter of John and Mary (McGilligan) McAleney, both of whom were natives of Ireland but were married in Scotland and on coming to America in 1859 located in Portland, Maine. They subsequently removed to Madison county, Illinois, where Mr. McAleney followed farming until 1867, when they came to Macoupin county and settled in Bird township. Throughout his residence here Mr. McAleney continued to engage in agricultural pursuits but both he and his wife are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Redington have six children: John Lewis, who is now occupying the position of checkman in the freight office of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway at Chicago; and Philip William, Nora, Michael, Joseph and Augusta, all of whom are at home. Mr. Redington is a supporter of the democratic party and for three years past has served as highway commissioner. He has also filled other offices of responsibility, having discharged the duties of township trustee, assessor and school director. He is thoroughly efficient in whatever he undertakes and possesses the entire confidence of his neighbors, and of all with whom he has business or social relations. It is such men who reflect credit upon their state and who may be relied upon in every emergency to pursue the course that is right and just. In religious belief Mr. Redington and his wife are earnest adherents of the Catholic church.

ELMER E. DAY.

Elmer E. Day, who is successfully engaged in the grocery business in Medora and is one of its highly popular citizens, was born near Jerseyville, in Jersey county, Illinois, January 10, 1863. He is a son of Stephen and Susan (Bell) Day, the former of whom was born in Jersey county April 5, 1840, the latter being a native of Medora. The history of the Day family in America begins with Stephen Day, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, who was a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, and settled in Vermont many years ago. The great-grandfather of our subject was also named Stephen and was born in Vermont before the Revolutionary war. Ira E. Day, the grandfather, was also a native of Vermont and was born about 1790. He was reared in his native state and when a young man came west, settling in 1828 in Jersey county.

Illinois, west of the present city of Jerseyville. Here he entered government land and made his home for twenty years. He then moved east of Jerseyville, where he purchased two hundred and forty acres of land which is still in possession of the family. He married Miss Martha Hudson who was born in Greene county about 1819 and was the first white child born in this section of the state. It is also thought by some that she was the first white child born in the state of Illinois. The Hudson family came from Kentucky and was among the very early settlers of Greene county. Ira E. Day died in 1862, being then more than seventy years of age. He was highly successful as a farmer and ranked as one of the leading citizens of the county.

Stephen E. Day, the father of our subject, was educated in the public schools and continued on the home farm until after he was married to Miss Susan Bell, the ceremony taking place March 1, 1861. He rented land on his own account for a number of years and in 1886 moved to Medora, where he has since been engaged in the livery business. Mrs. Day is a daughter of Harry and Nancy (Rockabaugh) Bell and comes from an old Virginia family whose home was near Culpeper Courthouse. To Mr. and Mrs. Stephen E. Day have been born seven children, two of whom died in infancy. The others are: Elmer E., of this review; William, who married Zoa Steed, of Medora, and now resides in Colorado Springs, Colorado; Chilton H., now in the dry-goods business in Medora, who married Nellie Steed and has two children; Ira Edwin, who married Ella Long and makes his home in Medora; and Herbert L., who married Nellie Winters and is a resident of Alton, Illinois.

Mr. Day of this review possessed advantages of education in the public schools of Jerseyville. He continued with his parents on the home farm until twenty-one years of age, and then rented land and farmed on his own account for two years. At the end of this time he purchased twenty acres in Jerseyville which he planted in fruit, and for nine years devoted his attention to the fruit business. In 1897 he disposed of his place and moved to Medora, where he purchased the livery barn of William Day and for eight years applied himself successfully to the livery business. He then entered the grocery business in which he has since been engaged.

On the 20th of January, 1885, Mr. Day was married to Miss Kate Pitts, a daughter of Richard and Clara (Pitts) Pitts, the former of whom was born at Sutton Crosses, Lincolnshire, England, in 1834. The grandparents of Mrs. Day on the paternal side were William and Sarah (Barton) Pitts, of Northamptonshire, England. The Pitts family has been known in England for many generations. The grandfather on the maternal side was Shadrach Pitts, also of Northamptonshire, and the maiden name of his wife was Eliza Humberstone. The grandfathers, paternal and maternal, were cousins. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Day, namely: Lola F., who married Herbert E. Ruyle, of Raymond, Illinois, and has one child, Elbert H.; and Gertrude Barton and Leita A., both of whom are living at home.

Mr. Day is well known in fraternal circles and holds membership in the Knights of Pythias and the Mutual Protective League. Politically he is an earnest supporter of the democratic party. He served as supervisor of Chesterfield township and as chairman of the board of supervisors of Macoupin county

for three terms out of four, his administration being highly satisfactory to taxpayers of the county. He was elected supervisor by a handsome majority in a township that is regarded as a republican stronghold. His name has been prominently mentioned in connection with other offices and he came within six votes of being nominated for county treasurer in 1910. Possessing a good address and being well acquainted with the people of Macoupin county, Mr. Day can claim a host of friends who admire him for his sterling traits of character. He has depended upon his own exertions for his advancement, and has accepted as a principle of his life, to make his word as good as his bond and to deal justly, let the consequences be what they may. The result proves that his principles are correct and it would be difficult to imagine a higher ideal.

JOSEPH BIRD.

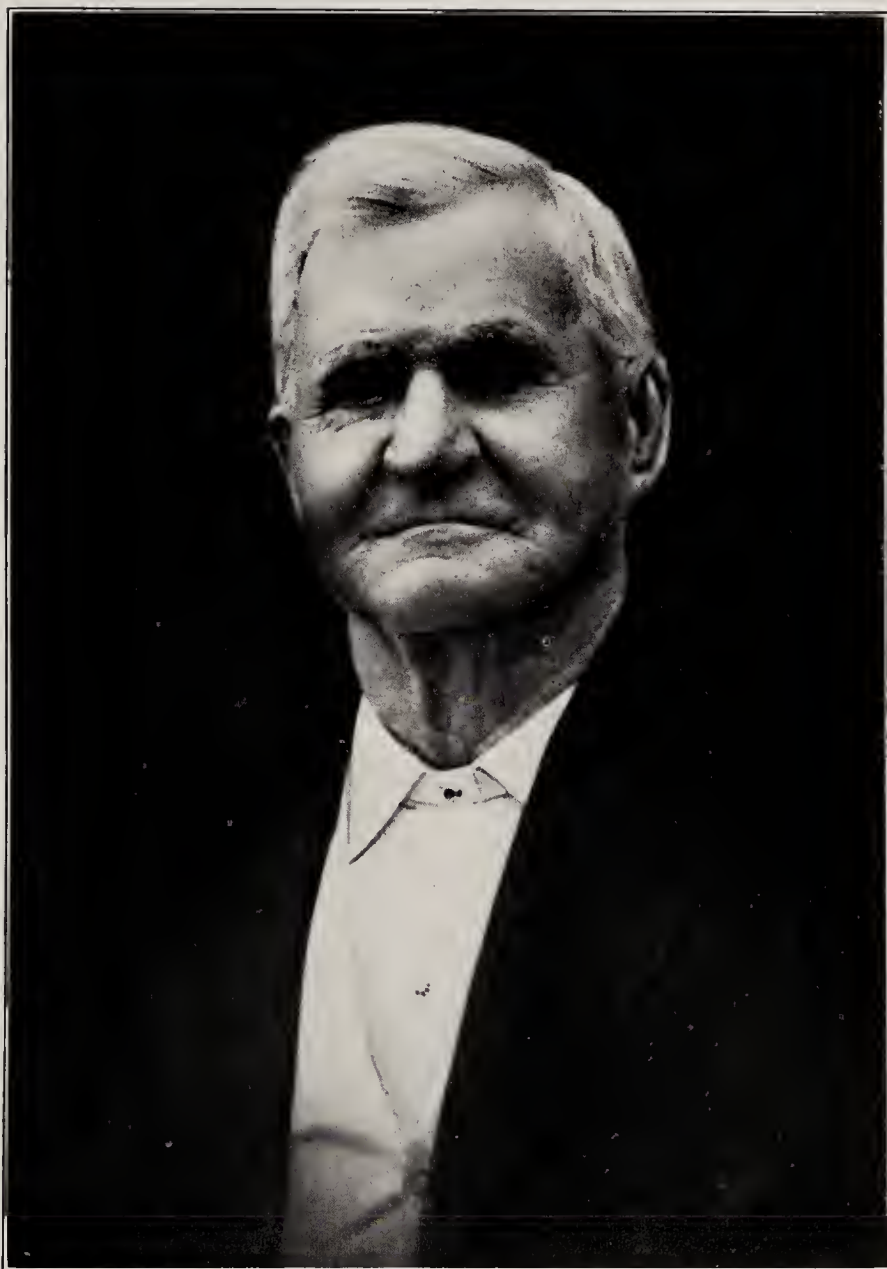
For many years Joseph Bird has been identified with the progress of Macoupin county and today, living retired at Carlinville, his mind reverts to the pioneer times before the advent of the telegraph, the railroad, the improved farm machinery, the telephone or the automobile. He remembers distinctly the ox cart, the prairie schooner, the log cabin and the flintlock musket, and has lived to see the various stages of the mighty transformation by which the face of the country has been changed and modern civilization introduced until it now holds undisputed sway. Born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1828, Mr. Bird is a son of William and Mary (Steward) Bird, both of whom were natives of England. In their family were four children: Isabel, now deceased, who married a Mr. Pattingill and after his death married Adolphus Sloper; Joseph, of this review; Mary Ann, who is the wife of David Deeds, of Carlinville; and William, who died when he was about nine years old.

The father of our subject engaged in farming in the Keystone state but, believing that more favorable conditions prevailed in the west, came to Illinois in 1836 and settled near Eldred, in Greene county, where he died the year following. His wife survived him for many years, following him in 1863. She was a consistent member of the Church of England. The grandfather of our subject on the paternal side spent his entire life in England and among his children were William and Annie, the wife of William Potter.

Joseph Bird came to Illinois with his parents when he was eight years of age and grew to maturity in Greene county. He lived with his mother until 1849, when he married, and two years later came with his wife to Macoupin county and located in Bird township, which was named in his honor. He became remarkably successful as a farmer and stock-raiser and acquired two hundred and ninety-seven acres of land, which he greatly improved. Subsequently he bought seven hundred and fifty-six acres and still later increased his holdings by two hundred acres, so that at one time he owned ten hundred and thirty-six acres in Bird township. He also owned three hundred and twenty acres in Carlinville township, which was known as the Gore farm, and he still retains possession of this place. He gives the use of the land to his children and all he



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asks is that they shall pay the taxes. On September 12, 1879, he moved to Carlinville and has since made his home in this city. He erected a large residence here, which he gave to his daughter Mrs. Minton. This house was afterward destroyed by fire and a modern building now occupies the site. After giving the residence to his daughter he moved to another home on High street, where he lived until 1904.

On the 9th of January, 1849, Mr. Bird was married to Miss Eliza Ann Lasater, a daughter of Enoch and Charity (Hill) Lasater, and they became the parents of seven children: Ada Eugenia, who died in infancy; Morris Edwin, who died when nearly twenty years of age; Amy C., who also died in infancy; Carrie, who married Foster Gore and is the mother of six children, Bird, Victor, Joseph, Gladys, Hazel and Hugh; Ida Alice, who married Elza Childs and died at the age of twenty-two; Mary Ollie, who is now the wife of Coy Roach and lives in Girard; and Daisy, who became the wife of Hugh Minton, a bridge builder of Carlinville. Mrs. Bird was born in Greene county and became acquainted with Mr. Bird when she was four or five years old. Then went to school together for a short time. Her parents were natives of Tennessee and were among the pioneers of Greene county. In their family were six children: Eliza Ann; Serena, who married George Arnett; Abner; Mary, who became the wife of William Fitzgerald; Almira, who married Joseph Casteel; and Jennie, who is now the wife of Horatio Peebles. The father of these children having died, Mrs. Lasater was again married, her second husband being John Coatney. Two children were born to this union, Carl and Cyrus. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Bird was Abner Hill.

Mr. Bird was called upon to mourn the death of his wife, which occurred June 29, 1904, at the age of seventy-one years. She was a woman of many noble traits of character and her memory remains as a benediction to all with whom she was brought into contact. She was a Baptist, as is also Mr. Bird. They were among the early members of Charity Baptist church in Bird township. Politically Mr. Bird is a democrat. He was highway commissioner of Bird township for several years and for four years served as president of the Macoupin County Fair Association, assisting in organizing the association and putting it on a paying basis. He was alderman of the second ward for several years. He has always been a liberal contributor to worthy objects and no good work of charity or religion has sought his aid in vain. In the various duties of life he has ever attempted to perform his part faithfully and is justly entitled to the highest respect of a generation which is enjoying the blessings that he assisted so ably in establishing.

JESSE PEEBLES.

Earnest and persistent application to his chosen profession has made Jesse Peebles, of Carlinville, one of the successful attorneys of the Macoupin county bar, and his devotion to the interests of those he represents has gained for him the warm personal friendship of many of his clients. Born in Carlinville, March 31, 1870, he is a son of Lewis P. and Sarah E. (Odell) Peebles, extended record

of whom appears elsewhere in this work. The family on both sides of the house can claim ancestry extending back for many years in America. John Peebles, the great-grandfather of our subject, was of Scotch descent. He was born in South Carolina and served under General Marion in the Revolutionary war, later settling in Kentucky. Jephtha Reader, another of the ancestors, was a native of Tennessee and was of English descent. He came to Macoupin county in the early pioneer days. His wife was Winifred Harrison, a second cousin of President William Henry Harrison of the United States. Jesse Peebles, the grandfather of our subject, was also a native of South Carolina. He came to Illinois in 1833 and settled in Macoupin county, where he was well known as a successful farmer and local preacher. For more than three-quarters of a century members of the family have been actively connected with the development of central Illinois and have nobly performed their part in a work which posterity will ever regard with pride.

Jesse Peebles, whose name stands at the head of this sketch, was reared at Carlinville and received his preliminary education in the public schools. He later became a student of Blackburn University, from which he was graduated with the degree of A. B., in 1889. After leaving college he applied himself to the study of law under his father and Judge A. N. Yancey, and was admitted to the Illinois bar upon examination in the spring of 1892. He began practice in partnership with his father, but later D. E. Keefe was taken into the firm. At the end of four years Mr. Keefe was elected county judge of Macoupin county and after serving in that office again resumed practice with his former associates. At the end of three years he severed his relations with the firm and moved to East St. Louis, where he has since been located. Mr. Peebles of this review and Lewis Peebles, his father, have since continued as partners, their clientage being one of the largest of any firm in this section of the state. The junior member has from his early manhood been an earnest and conscientious student and keeps fully abreast of the times on all important questions affecting the interest of the county, state or nation. He is a valued member of the Illinois State Bar Association and can claim many friends in that organization.

In August, 1894, Mr. Peebles was married to Miss Edmonia McClure, a daughter of James A. and Ellen (Collins) McClure, both of whom were born in Kentucky. Mr. McClure came to Illinois and entered government land in Carlinville township, Macoupin county, which he cleared and improved. He spent his declining years at Carlinville and died in 1901, his wife being called away two years later. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Peebles: Martha Ellen, who is thirteen years of age; Don, aged ten years; and Pauline, seven years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Peebles occupy a beautiful residence at No. 905 First North street. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias lodge at Carlinville. He gives his support politically to the democratic party and is now serving as secretary of the democratic county central committee. For eight years he has filled the office of assistant states attorney and from 1901 to 1903 was master in chancery. In 1909 he was elected mayor of Carlinville and discharged the duties of that position for two years, displaying a judgment and interest in the public welfare which reflected upon his administration the highest credit. He is

in active demand as a campaign speaker and there are few men in this part of the state who can hold the attention of an audience as closely as he. His religious belief is indicated by membership in the Methodist church, to which his wife and family also belong. He has shown special aptitude in the calling to which he has devoted his best thought and energy. He brings to his work a careful and well-trained mind, with clear and comprehensive views, and has gained honored recognition on the part of his brother practitioners. As attorney and counsellor he has been unusually successful and ranks among the ablest in Macoupin county.

JOSEPH HOWELL.

Joseph Howell, a retired business man and banker of Brighton, now in his eighty-fourth year, is one of the most respected members of the community. By many years of application to business he acquired a competence and in the evening of life enjoys the comforts which are due to one who has ever attempted to perform his duty to his fellowmen and never sought to deprive another of what rightfully belonged to him. Born in Gloucestershire, England, January 1, 1828, he is a son of John and Martha (Jones) Howell and a grandson of William Howell. The grandfather was a blacksmith by trade and spent his entire life in Gloucestershire, dying at an advanced age. John Howell, the father, was a broadcloth weaver and moved with his family to the city of Leeds, England, where he was employed at his occupation for many years. In 1879 he came to America and spent the remainder of his life at the home of his son Joseph, being called away in 1881. Mrs. Howell died in England in 1856, at the age of fifty-six years. She and her husband were both consistent members of the Baptist church. In their family were five children, four sons and one daughter, all of whom are now deceased except the subject of this review.

At the age of ten years Joseph Howell removed with his parents to Leeds and he remained in that city until after reaching manhood. He secured employment as a clerk in a general store, a position which he held for seven years, and during this time he gained a knowledge of business which proved of great practical benefit later. He was married in his native land and in 1850, having decided to seek his fortune in the new world, started with his wife and an infant son for America. They made the trip in a sailing vessel known as *The Express* and after nine weeks and two days landed at New Orleans. On the 8th of May they reached Alton, Illinois, the entire trip from Leeds having required fourteen weeks. After a short stay at Alton the journey was resumed to Brighton, Macoupin county, where Mr. Howell has ever since made his home. In 1859 he embarked in the furniture and undertaking business, with which he was prominently connected for more than thirty-two years. He retired from active affairs nearly twenty years ago but he is still identified with the banking business and is vice president of the banking firm of Blodget Brothers & Company, having been associated with this institution ever since it was organized.

In 1849 Mr. Howell was married to Miss Jane Warburton, a native of Bradford, England, and a daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Senior) Warburton.

The father was a stationary engineer in England but in 1850, believing that more favorable conditions existed in the United States, he came with his family to Brighton, Macoupin county, Illinois. Eight years later he moved to Montgomery county, where he died in 1871. The widow survived her husband only two years. They left four children, all of whom are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Howell were born five children, namely: Edwin S., a native of England, who is now a prominent lawyer of East St. Louis; Eliza, who is the widow of David A. Rice and is now living with her father; Julia, the wife of G. M. French, train master of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad with headquarters at Mattoon, Illinois; Alfred J., deceased, who was a successful business man and for several years was associated with his father in business; and Jennie M., the wife of Dr. T. H. Hall, of Gillespie. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Howell were all given excellent advantages of education and Eliza, Julia and Edwin engaged for several years in teaching in this section. The mother of these children died in December, 1892. She was a woman of many admirable traits of heart and character, whose memory will ever be revered by all who knew her.

Mr. Howell has for more than fifty years been a member of the Baptist church, with which his wife was also identified. He has served as deacon and is now a member of the board of trustees of the church. He has been closely connected with Odd Fellowship for many years and was a member of the lodge at Alton, later becoming one of the charter members of the Brighton lodge, with which he has ever since been affiliated. He cast his first vote after arriving in America for President Pierce and has been an earnest supporter of the republican party ever since its organization. At the time of the Civil war he was a pronounced anti-slavery man and when President Lincoln was a candidate for the second term Mr. Howell received notice that seven men had banded themselves together to drive him out of the community provided the democratic candidate for president was elected. He sent back word that he could shoot seventeen times without reloading and that he would take no chance in wasting bullets. In 1886 he was elected police magistrate of Brighton and a short time afterward, while still serving in that office, was made justice of the peace, a position which he still continues to fill. He was for several years a member of the school board and during his incumbency was instrumental in greatly increasing the efficiency of the schools. An acknowledged leader in everything pertaining to the welfare of this section, there are few men more widely or favorably known in Macoupin county than Joseph Howell.

HERMAN GROSENHEIDER.

Beginning as a poor boy at six dollars a month, which he contributed to the support of his mother and sisters, Herman Grosenheider developed a spirit of courage and self-reliance which has made him one of the substantial farmers of Macoupin county. He was born in Westphalia, Germany, February 2, 1846. His father died when the son was quite young, but the mother nobly assumed the

responsibility of rearing a family of eight children. At different times during the '50s two sons and two daughters of Mrs. Grosenheider emigrated to America and their reports were so favorable that in 1860 she started for the new world with the remainder of her family. They came to Cahokia township, Macoupin county, and one of the sons, who was grown to manhood, took charge of the farm upon which they settled and assisted the mother in looking after the younger members of the household.

Herman Grosenheider was fifteen years of age when he arrived in the region which became his home. He received his preliminary education in his native land and soon after taking up his residence in Macoupin county hired out as a farm hand, contributing his wages to the support of the family. In his nineteenth year he began saving money on his own account and a year later purchased eighty acres of raw prairie land in Cahokia township and with his mother as housekeeper began farming upon his own account. Upon starting in his life work independently, he lived in a humble dwelling on the prairie about one and one-half miles from his farm and here continued until he had paid for the place. He now owns a comfortable and well furnished home, supplied with the conveniences and many of the luxuries of modern life. His farm comprises two hundred and ninety acres and is one of the most attractive properties of the size in this part of the county.

On April 20, 1867, Mr. Grosenheider was married to Miss Sophia Brush, who was born in Germany and came to Macoupin county, Illinois, about five months before her marriage. Six children have been born to this union, namely: Ida, who is the wife of August Marburger, a merchant of Mount Olive; Mary, who married Henry Melchert, a butcher of Mount Olive; Sophia, the wife of Herman Johnson, who is engaged in the mercantile business at Mount Olive; and Louis, Herman and Edward, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Grosenheider and his family are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church, the faith in which he was reared and from which he has never departed. In politics he is in hearty sympathy with the republican party, whose principles of tariff and concentration of authority appear to him highly important in the progress of the nation. Although born in a foreign land, he has spent most of his life in the United States and is in thorough accord with the spirit of the institutions of his adopted country. Here he has prospered and while so doing has assisted materially in the upbuilding of the section with which he has for fifty years been closely identified.

HON. ROBERT B. SHIRLEY.

Hon. Robert B. Shirley, circuit judge and also judge of the appellate court of the fourth district of Illinois, has for many years been a leading citizen of Carlinville and stands without dispute among the foremost jurists of this state. He was born on a farm on Silver creek, in Madison county, Illinois, October 9, 1850, a son of William C. and Mary Jane (Hoxsey) Shirley, the former of whom was a native of east Tennessee and the latter of Madison county, Illinois. In

their family were seven children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: Harriet S., the deceased wife of H. S. Dorsey, of Alton, Illinois; Robert B., of this review; Mary E., who is the wife of A. B. Dempsey, of Sedalia, Missouri; William A., who is deceased; Rufus, who lives at Staunton, Illinois; and Virginia, the wife of Harry T. Smith, also of Staunton.

The father of our subject was a farmer and merchant. He was reared in White county, Tennessee, but moved to Illinois in 1839 and settled on a farm near Butler, Montgomery county. In 1852 he engaged in farming near Staunton and continued in that business until the outbreak of the Civil war. Politically he was a Jackson democrat and in 1859 was elected to the Illinois general assembly. He cast his ballot for Douglas in the contest against Lincoln for the United States senate. He was again elected to the state legislature in 1866 and was quite prominent in politics of the state. He secured the charter for the construction of the line of the Wabash Railroad from Decatur to East St. Louis, being president of the road at that time. He was a man of ability and energy and was a well known factor in the development of the state for a number of years. He died at Staunton in 1900, at the age of seventy-seven, and his wife survived him, but passed away in 1901, at the age of seventy-six years. They were both valued members of the Christian church. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Dr. Archibald Hoxsey, who came to Madison county, Illinois, from the state of Kentucky in 1818 and located near Silver creek. He died at Staunton at the age of sixty-nine years. His first wife was Harriet Stephenson, of Christian county, Kentucky.

Reared on his father's farm, Robert B. Shirley grew to manhood and received his education in the district and public schools. He continued to live on the home farm until twenty-two years of age and then began the study of law in August, 1873, in the office of William R. Welch, of Carlinville, afterward judge of the circuit court. On July 4, 1876, he was admitted to practice in the courts of Illinois and shortly afterward associated with S. T. Corn, of Carlinville. The partnership continued until 1885, from which time Judge Shirley practiced alone. In 1893 he was elected judge of the circuit court of the fifth judicial district, comprising the counties of Sangamon, Christian, Macoupin, Montgomery, Fayette and Shelby, and is still holding the office of judge of the circuit court, having been reelected to the present seventh judicial district in 1897, 1903 and 1909. His term of office expires in June, 1915. In June, 1909, he was assigned by the supreme court of the state as judge of the appellate court of the fourth appellate district of Illinois. Early in his professional career he served as city attorney of Carlinville for three terms and was also master in chancery from 1885 to 1887. His attention has been concentrated closely upon his judicial duties since 1893 and in the time named he has presided in many important cases.

On the 16th of October, 1879, Judge Shirley was married, at Carlinville, to Miss Henrietta W. Burton, a daughter of Henry W. and Cornelia (Rider) Burton. Mrs. Shirley died October 8, 1908, and on the 30th of November, 1910, Judge Shirley was again married to Miss Harriet G. Steidley, who was born at Carlinville, a daughter of John Steidley. She is a member of the Episcopal church.

Judge Shirley belongs to Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., and Litchfield Commandery, No. 30, K. T., being also a member of Orient Lodge, No. 95, K. P., of Carlinville, and the Elks. Politically he is a stanch democrat and prior to his election to the bench served as chairman of the democratic county central committee of Macoupin county for eight years. He was one of the original stockholders and directors of the Carlinville National Bank and in every capacity in which he has served, whether as business man, attorney or judge, has at all times displayed an intelligence, fidelity, patriotism and breadth of view which have reflected upon himself and the state the highest credit. He is deeply respected by practitioners at the bar and also by the people irrespective of religious or political affiliation.

JAMES MADISON COX.

The owner of two hundred and twenty acres of productive land in Macoupin county, James Madison Cox has made ample provision for himself and family for the years to come and as a result of his energy and foresight enjoys the confidence of his neighbors and the respect of all with whom he comes in contact.

He was born in Mount Olive township, December 4, 1852, a son of Emanuel and Eliza G. (Biggs) Cox, the former of whom was born in Stewart county, Tennessee, and the latter in Nashville. The parents were married in Kentucky, to which state they had removed earlier in their lives, and in 1837, having decided to cast their lot in the promising region north of the Ohio river, they came to Macoupin county, Illinois. This was in pioneer days when roads were few and accommodations such as we have at present for travelers were unknown. Mr. Cox filed upon government land in Mount Olive township and set himself industriously to work, becoming as the years passed the owner of six hundred acres of good land in this county. For a number of years he lived near a mound on a farm which he rented as a pasture and this mound is known as Cox's Mound. He was a worthy representative of the early settlers of this section and performed his part in its upbuilding. He died at the old homestead, one and one-quarter miles south of Mount Olive, and his wife is also deceased.

James M. Cox was reared under favorable conditions in a country home and early gained a love for nature and for the agreeable pursuits of agriculture which he has never outlived. He acquired his education in the district schools and assisted his father on the home farm until twenty-one years of age. He and his brother Ezekiel were then given by the father eighty acres of land between them, which they cultivated to good advantage, also assisting on the home place. After arriving at the age of twenty-five Mr. Cox of this review was married and soon following that event located on one hundred and eighty acres in sections 7 and 8 of Mount Olive township, which he purchased from his father. He also owns forty acres in Staunton township. He is industrious and highly energetic in his work and his well-tilled fields have returned abundant harvests. He also raises stock for the market and spares no pains to secure the best results possible from his labors.

On the 3d of February, 1878, Mr. Cox was married to Miss Luella Purdy, a native of Staunton and a daughter of W. C. Purdy. The father was born in Madison county, Illinois, and has now arrived at the age of eighty-five. He makes his home with his children and his stories of pioneer life are interesting reminders of experiences of which the present generation has little conception. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cox: Maud, who married Charles Irwin, an engineer on the Big Four Railway and resides at Mattoon, Illinois; Winfred, a farmer of Mount Olive township; and Hallie, the wife of Stephen Fisher, storekeeper of No. 3 Mine at Gillespie.

Mr. Cox cast his first ballot for the democratic party and has never wandered from the party to which he gave his early allegiance. He has not sought political honors, but has served very acceptably as a member of the school board of his district. He has proved enterprising in his calling and entirely trustworthy in all the relations of life, thus reflecting credit upon himself and those with whom he is associated. He is largely a self-made man and as he can always be relied upon to do as he promises, he fully merits the esteem of his fellowmen.

F. W. ZIMMERMAN.

Many years of unremitting industry enabled F. W. Zimmerman, a former agriculturist of Macoupin county, to retire to Bunker Hill, where he enjoyed the ease and comfort denied him in his youth. He was born in Hanover, Germany, on the 8th of November, 1822, a son of William and Minnie (Debuhr) Zimmerman, in whose family were seven children. The mother died soon after the birth of the youngest child and later the father married again, and by that union there was born a son and a daughter. He was a farmer and a member of the Lutheran church, in accordance with which faith his children were reared. Only four members of the family ever became residents of the United States: F. W., our subject; his two brothers, John and Richard, both farmers in this county; and his half-brother, Henry, who is a resident of Bethalto, Illinois.

F. W. Zimmerman lived in the fatherland until he was twenty-five years of age, when he resolved to become a citizen of the United States, feeling convinced that conditions here must be very much better for a man of limited means than in Germany. In the summer of 1848 he took passage at Bremen on the sailing vessel Post for New Orleans, where he landed ten weeks later. He remained there that winter, but when transportation opened in the spring he came up the river to Alton, Illinois, locating in Madison county. Being seized with the gold fever in 1850, he started for California, together with Henry Keizer and John Heind, driving five mules and a wagon. They started in April, crossed the Missouri at St. Joseph and followed the old Fremont trail. Seventy-four days later they arrived at Hangtown, California, where Mr. Zimmerman prospected for six months, meeting with very good success. Having the misfortune to crush his ankle and being unable to procure the proper medical attention, he decided to return home, so with his sack of gold dust he boarded a vessel for the isthmus. The boat stopped at Cuba and then proceeded to New Orleans, where he took a



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boat for Alton. For a time he farmed in Madison county and then bought a place on section 33, Bunker Hill township, which he cultivated for over twenty-five years. His agricultural pursuits proved so lucrative that he was finally able to live in comfort on the income from his property and retired to Bunker Hill, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred on the 21st of September, 1911.

Madison county was the scene of the marriage of Mr. Zimmerman and Miss Margaret Post, also a native of Hanover, Germany, who came to this country on the same boat with Mr. Zimmerman. She is now deceased but their union covered a period of forty years. Unto them were born five children, all but one of whom are now deceased. In order of birth they were as follows: William, who died at the age of eight years; Willie, who was nine months old at the time of his death; Anna, who died when she was twenty-four years of age; Frank, who was thirty-four when he passed away; and Herman F., who married Belle Duffey, now the owner of an excellent farm in Bunker Hill township, which he operates.

Mr. Zimmerman affiliated with the German Methodist church of which his wife was also a member. When first granted the right of franchise through naturalization he cast his vote for the democratic party, but after the Civil war he always supported the men and measures of the republican party. He was one of Germany's enterprising sons, who came to this country empty-handed, and through his own energy intelligently applied became one of the affluent citizens of the community.

W. C. MARTIN.

As the day with its dawn of hope and promise, its noontide of strength and activity, and its twilight of achievement and rest, so has been the life of W. C. Martin who, after many years of earnest endeavor in business circles is now living retired from active labor, enjoying those comforts and pleasures which a goodly competence can provide. He was born in Jonesboro, Washington county, Tennessee, on the 25th of August, 1838, a son of Richard B. and Axsha (Hunt) Martin, the former a native of St. Charles county, Maryland, and the latter of Washington county, Tennessee. The father was a carpenter by trade and served as justice of the peace for his county for many years. He passed away December 25, 1868, but his widow survived until October, 1880.

W. C. Martin is indebted to the common schools of Tennessee for the educational privileges which he acquired during the period of his boyhood and youth, and after completing his studies he served an apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade. When eighteen years of age he left his native state and came to Macoupin county, Illinois, arriving here in 1856. He was engaged at his trade in Girard for a time, after which he gave his attention to farming for a few years, and then, on the 10th of April, 1862, he started for San Francisco, California, driving across the plains with an ox team. It took exactly five months to complete the journey, and after arriving in the Golden state he

accepted employment with the Overland Mail Company as a blacksmith. Later he spent three years in Nevada, repairing stage coaches and shoeing stage horses; returning to Illinois, he reached Macoupin county in the month of December, 1866. Locating at Palmyra, he became identified with the general merchandising business in connection with D. N. Solomon, their partnership relations maintaining for twenty-five years. In 1894 Mr. Martin purchased his partner's interest in the firm and continued alone in business until January, 1911, when he was able to withdraw from active life with a competency which made him financially independent, and he is now living in honorable retirement, spending much of his time in travel and in the enjoyment of those things which are to him a source of pleasure and delight.

On the 26th of February, 1867, Mr. Martin wedded Miss Sarah A. Solomon, a daughter of D. N. and Elizabeth (Newell) Solomon. The father, a merchant by occupation, following that line of activity in Palmyra for a number of years, is now deceased, having passed away in 1900, at the age of seventy-nine years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Martin has been born one child, R. D. Martin, engaged in the merchandising business in this city. He married Miss Katie Padget, and to them has been born a daughter, Lena B.

Mr. Martin belongs to the Baptist church of Palmyra, and in politics has given his allegiance to the democracy since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has served as clerk of North Palmyra township and also as city clerk of Palmyra, and in all matters of citizenship is public-spirited and progressive. In addition to admirable traits of character which have made him one of the highly respected and valued citizens of this community he also possesses a genial disposition and pleasing personality which win and retain warm friendships, and he is popular with a large circle of friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

JOHN EMMERSON.

John Emmerson, long identified with the agricultural pursuits of Macoupin county, was born in Hull, Yorkshire, England, on the 5th of July, 1845. His parents were William and Elizabeth (Hill) Emmerson, also natives of England, whence they emigrated to the United States, locating in Greene county, Illinois, in 1850. After seven years residence there they removed to Macoupin county, and the following year the father acquired forty acres of land, which formed the nucleus of his homestead. As he was able he extended the boundaries of his farm until, at the time of his demise, he owned one hundred and sixty acres of well improved land. He passed away on the 27th of March, 1904, while the mother had died in 1896. Their union was blessed with two children: John, our subject; and Mary Ann, the wife of J. J. Cox, of Virden.

John Emmerson was only a lad of five years when his parents settled in America, and he attended the district schools of Greene and Macoupin counties in the acquirement of his education. After laying aside his studies he applied himself to painting and wagon making for a time but later devoted his atten-

tion to farming in which he has ever since been engaged. He has been quite successful in his agricultural enterprises and now owns eighty acres of land in Sangamon county and forty acres of the old homestead.

Mr. Emmerson established a home for himself by his marriage on the 12th of April, 1870, to Miss Martha Utt, who passed away on the 27th of April, 1901, and was laid to rest in the Virden cemetery. Mrs. Emmerson was a daughter of Jacob and Polly Utt, who were the parents of nine children: James, who is a resident of Kansas; Ruben, a veteran of the Civil war, now residing in Pike county, Illinois; Winfield, who is deceased; George, a color bearer in the Civil war, killed on the battle field while carrying the flag; Catherine, the wife of Nathan Dotson, of Greene county; Martha, the deceased wife of John Emmerson; Lizzie, the wife of Oscar Drew, general freight agent for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad at St. Louis; Sophia, the wife of the Rev. Mr. Shambaugh, of Washington; and Mary, who is living in Parsons, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Emmerson were the parents of three children; William A., who is living in Virden; Lizzie, the wife of Frank Conetis, of Virden; and George C., a physician, practicing in Marshall, Missouri.

Mr. Emmerson affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife was also a member. His political allegiance he accords to the republican party, but he has never been an office seeker, having preferred to devote his energies to the development of personal interests.

HENRY G. STALL.

One of the best known residents of Brighton is Henry G. Stall, who has reached the venerable age of four score years and is recognized as one of the most successful business men this section has known. He is a native of York, Pennsylvania, born January 7, 1831, a son of John and Mary (Albright) Stall, both of whom were born in York county, Pennsylvania. The mother died in 1848 and the father later went to Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and at the outbreak of the Civil war enlisted in the Union service, becoming a member of the famous Mississippi River Marine Brigade. On account of the exertion and exposure incident to military life he was taken ill while at the post of duty and died at Vicksburg, Mississippi, where he was buried.

Henry G. Stall was reared at home until his seventeenth year, but possessed very limited advantages of attendance at school, being obliged to withdraw from school in his ninth year. His education, therefore, has been almost wholly self-acquired. Upon the death of the mother the family was broken up and the son secured employment as clerk in a hotel at Baltimore, Maryland, continuing in that position in 1849 and 1850. In the spring of 1851 he came west to St. Louis and in the following fall went to New Orleans where he sought in vain for work for which he was adapted. Subsequently, however, he secured a position as clerk in a mercantile establishment at Warrington, Florida, and continued there until 1854. He narrowly escaped death from an attack of yellow fever in 1853. After recovering from his illness he came to Alton, Illinois, and in 1854 secured a clerk-

ship in the freight office of the Chicago & Alton Railway. In the summer of 1856 he filled the position of clerk on the steamer Baltimore, plying between St. Louis and Alton and carrying passengers for the Chicago & Alton Railway.

Mr. Stall arrived in Brighton, Macoupin county, in the spring of 1857 and served as station agent for the Chicago & Alton road, also filling the position of telegraph operator. In 1881 he engaged in the mercantile business at Virden, but after seven months transferred his headquarters to Brighton, where he successfully continued his business for two years. He sold out in 1883 and moved to Birmingham, Alabama, but an epidemic of yellow fever visited the place and, his wife becoming frightened, they went to Little Rock, Arkansas, and thence to De Soto, Missouri, where Mr. Stall again engaged in the mercantile business with which he was successfully identified for five years. He was one of the leading citizens of the town and served very acceptably as its mayor. In 1889 he returned to Brighton and for several years was engaged in farming, but in 1893 or 1894 removed from his farm to this place, where he has since resided. He has actively engaged in building houses for sale and proved one of the most successful men in that line that this part of the county has known.

In 1854 Mr. Stall was married to Miss Martha Walker at New Orleans, Louisiana, where they first met and became acquainted. She died in November, 1910, having arrived at the age of eighty-four years. One child, Harry E., was born to this union. He is now living with his father. Mr. Stall has adhered to the democratic party ever since he cast his first ballot and served several terms as police magistrate and also as justice of the peace, showing a discrimination and clear judgment that met the hearty approval of the people. He is identified with Hibbard Lodge No. 249, A. F. & A. M., and is the oldest member of this organization, having been made a Mason in 1858. He looks back on a long and useful life crowned with many happy recollections and cheered with warm friendships. He ranks today among the most honored citizens of Macoupin county.

LESTER D. SMITH.

Lester D. Smith, who is the owner of an ideal home at Shipman and is now living practically retired, having gained a competence, was born at Gray, Herkimer county, New York, October 19, 1854. He is a descendant of Irish and Scotch ancestry and is a son of Phineas H. and Mary (McCombs) Smith, the former of whom was born about 1831, in Herkimer county, and the latter in Oneida county, New York, in 1834. The great-grandfather of our subject, on the paternal side, came from Ireland to America in the eighteenth century and settled in Rhode Island. John Smith, the grandfather, was born in Rhode Island in 1801. After growing to maturity he moved to Herkimer county, New York, and was married to Mary Hemingway, a native of that county. He engaged in the lumber business at Gray but subsequently gave his attention to farming. In his old age, after the death of his wife, he came to Illinois, having been preceded to this state by his children, and died at Shipman about 1886. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Smith consisted of ten children, six of whom grew

to maturity: Phineas H., the father of our subject; Charles, of Iowa, now deceased; Orrin, who resides at Los Angeles, California; Matilda, who married Peter Valentine, of Iowa, and is also deceased; Laura, who became the wife of Wallace Bullock, of Gray, New York, and is now deceased; and Mary, the widow of Charles Bingham, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Phineas H. Smith possessed advantages of education in the public schools of New York state and grew to maturity under the paternal roof. In 1853 he married Mary McCombs, a descendant of a Scotch family that settled near Utica, New York, and for a number of years engaged in the manufacture of cheese at Dolgeville, Herkimer county. In 1855 he disposed of his factory and came to Illinois, locating on a farm in Shipman township, Macoupin county, which he cultivated to good advantage. Owing to the encroachment of age he retired at Shipman and died here about 1901. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, namely: Lester D., of this review; Hattie M., who married C. M. Stanley, of Cazenovia, New York, and is now deceased; Irving P., a resident of Shipman; Winifred, the wife of Herman Shultz, of Shipman, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; and Mabel, who died at the age of twenty-three.

In the public schools of New York state Lester D. Smith secured his early education and later attended a business college at New Haven, Connecticut. At the age of twenty-one, like thousands of ambitious young men, he decided that the great west offered a field more inviting than the long-settled states of the east and he emigrated to Warren county, Missouri, where he found employment as manager of a creamery, a business which he had thoroughly learned under his father. In 1877 he came to Shipman and established a creamery in his own name. The business prospered and subsequently he opened a store in connection with his creamery. In 1891 he sold out and bought three hundred acres of land in Shipman and Hilyard townships, which he improved by the erection of buildings and the planting of shade trees and a fine orchard of ten acres. He became the owner of the first herd of pure blooded Holstein-Friesian cattle in this section but disposed of his cattle in 1896 and concentrated his attention upon stock-breeding, making a specialty of pure blooded Shropshire sheep, which he disposed of for breeding purposes. In 1909 he sold his farm and purchased seventy acres within the corporate limits of Shipman. He has greatly improved his place by erecting a modern residence of nine rooms, and other buildings, and has one of the most attractive homes in Macoupin county. Having attained a position of comparative financial independence, he now enjoys the comforts of many years of earnest and well directed application.

On December 20, 1877, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Inez Timmerman, a daughter of John and Mary (Lankton) Timmerman, and they are the parents of four children: Harry C., who married Eunice Hoff and resides at Los Angeles, California; Florence, of St. Louis, Missouri; Gilbert L., who died at the age of twenty-three; and Edna Agnes, at home. The Timmerman family is of German descent and the progenitors in this country settled in Mohawk Valley, New York, before the Revolutionary war. Several of the ancestors of Mrs. Smith served in the patriot army and she and her daughters are entitled to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. A younger

brother of her grandmother served as mail carrier in the Revolutionary war. Her grandfather was Abraham Timmerman and he was the father of nine children, namely: Henry, now deceased, who made his home in Steuben county, New York; Solomon, also deceased, who resided in Herkimer county; Levi, of Steuben county; John, the father of Mrs. Smith; Marcus, now deceased, who made his home in Steuben county; David, who was a resident of Herkimer county, and is now deceased; Adeline, also deceased; Charlotte, who is the widow of Sanford Canute; and Elizabeth, who married William Morgan, of Herkimer county, and is now deceased. John Timmerman was reared on his father's farm in Herkimer county and received his education in the public schools. He gave his attention to agriculture and stock-raising for many years and is now living retired at the age of eighty, at Little Falls, New York. In his family were four children: Inez, now Mrs. Lester D. Smith; and Margaret, Elizabeth and John, all of whom are deceased.

Lester D. Smith has for many years made a close study of Free Masonry and has taken the York and Scottish Rite degrees. He is a member of the chapter at Carlinville, the commandery at Alton, the S. R. Lodge of Perfection of East St. Louis, and the Oriental Consistory of Chicago. He also holds membership in the Methodist church of Shipman, in which he is serving as trustee and recording secretary. He is active in church work and in all movements which seek to promote brotherhood and a kindly feeling among men. In politics he adheres to the republican party. He has served as school trustee and was president of the village of Shipman in 1887. As a successful business man and an energetic and progressive citizen he ranks among the leaders in the county and he can claim an extensive circle of warm personal friends throughout a region where he has been favorably known for more than a third of a century.

HENRY J. GEHNER, JR.

Henry J. Gehner, Jr., has been a resident of Macoupin county ever since his early childhood and the history of the agricultural interests of this section would be incomplete without adequate mention of the work he has accomplished. He was born in Morgan county, Illinois, April 18, 1861, and is now in the fifty-first year of his age. He can claim sturdy German ancestry on both sides of the house, being a son of Henry and Wilhelmina Mary (Schweppe) Gehner, both of whom were born in Germany. The father is now living on the home farm in Cahokia township and an interesting sketch of his career appears elsewhere in this work. The mother died in 1878, when the subject of this review was seventeen years of age.

As a member of a large family of children Henry J. Gehner, Jr., early learned lessons of industry and self-denial that proved of inestimable value to him in his maturer years. He received his preliminary education in the district schools and the Lutheran parochial schools of Mount Olive, and continued at home assisting in work upon the farm until after reaching his maturity. At the age of twenty-four years he was married and then purchased eighty acres of land in Cahokia

township, upon which he took up his residence. During the time that has since passed he acquired more land and is now the owner of a farm of two hundred acres, which is one of the most highly improved places in the township. He also owns eighty acres in Mount Olive township and several town lots and three residences in Mount Olive. In addition to engaging in general farming he makes a specialty of breeding and raising fine horses and, as he is a good judge of animals and aims to keep fully abreast of the times, he ranks very high as a breeder. He has persistently and energetically followed his work and has met with merited recompense for his labors.

On the 19th of April, 1885, Mr. Gehner was married to Miss Harmina Arkebauer, a daughter of the late Meint Arkebauer, who was born in Germany and was one of the early settlers of Mount Olive township, Macoupin county. To Mr. and Mrs. Gehner eight children were born, Lydia, Rosina, Amanda, Theodore, Paulina, Clara, Ida and Walter. All of the children are still living at home. The deepest sorrow that Mr. Gehner has known was occasioned by the death of his beloved wife, which occurred January 13, 1911. She was a woman of the most admirable traits of mind and character, and was greatly respected wherever she was known.

Politically Mr. Gehner adheres to the democratic party. He has served as road commissioner and also for several terms as member of the school board. He and his children are actively identified with the Evangelical Lutheran church, of which he is one of the prominent supporters. His success has been gained by strictly legitimate and honorable methods and never in such a way as to injure others. Hence, he is greatly esteemed and his influence for good is felt throughout the region in which he has almost since his earliest recollection been a resident.

HENRY J. HEYEN.

The agricultural interests of Cahokia township can claim no more worthy representative than Henry J. Heyen, who for twenty years past has been living retired from active labor, having acquired through energy and ability one of the richest and most productive farms in this section of the state. He was born in Germany, September 24, 1832, a son of John and Anna (Klein) Heyen, both of whom passed their entire lives in the old country.

Henry J. Heyen received his early education in the common schools of Germany and as a boy he was instructed by his father in the details pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising. He continued in his native land until several years after reaching his majority and then, on September 4, 1858, embarked at Bremen in a sailing vessel which was bound for New Orleans. The voyage required eleven weeks and the ship arrived in port November 20. Mr. Heyen came up the Mississippi river in a steamboat to St. Louis and thence to Alton where he spent about a week. At the end of the time named he came to Macoupin county and secured employment as a farm hand, continuing in that capacity for about fifteen months. He then rented land from his brother, Heye Heyen, who had preceded him to Illinois, and proved unusually successful as

a corn raiser. The brother died the year following, and Mr. Heyen associated with another brother, William, who came to America in 1851 and rented the same farm which had been in charge of their brother Heye, continuing in partnership for five years. Mr. Heyen of this review then farmed upon his own account until 1872, when he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Cahokia township which became the nucleus of his present farm. He labored diligently and persistently at all seasons of the year, and as opportunity offered acquired more land until today he owns four hundred and eighty-five acres of as good land as can be found in Macoupin county. He bent every energy to his work and his success is evidence of his sound, practical judgment.

In 1866 Mr. Heyen was married to Miss Tillie Lambertus, who was born in Germany and came to America in 1865. They are the parents of thirteen children, eleven of whom survive, namely: Albert, who is engaged in stock-buying and makes his home at Gillespie; John, a farmer of Cahokia township; William, who is associated with his brother Albert in stock-buying; George, also a farmer of Gillespie township; Heye, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work, at home; Lena, who married Edward Meyer, of Cahokia township; Laura, the wife of Charles Young, of Cahokia township; Jessie, who married Elmer Burge, of Montgomery county; Frederica, who became the wife of Ambrose Burge, of Gillespie; and Tillie and Cora, both of whom are at home.

In politics Mr. Heyen gives his support to the democratic party. He has never been a seeker for public office but served for six years most creditably as a member of the school board. He and his family are actively identified with the Evangelical Lutheran church. When he landed in America his cash capital amounted to seventy dollars, but he bravely faced the problems which were presented in a new country and for many years he has been known as one of the wealthy men of Macoupin county. It would be difficult to find a more striking illustration in the United States for ambitious young men than is presented in the record of Henry J. Heyen. He is deeply respected by the people of the township, as he has fairly earned the comforts he enjoys, through his thrift and business sagacity.

ALFRED DAVIS.

The family of which Alfred Davis is a representative is an old and well known one in Macoupin county, where the family was established only a few years after the admission of Illinois into the Union. Mr. Davis was born in Brighton township, on the 8th of December, 1840, and within the borders of the county he has since continued to make his home. He is a son of William J. and Margaret (McPeak) Davis, natives of North Carolina and Tennessee respectively. The father came to Macoupin county in 1829, locating in Brighton township, and here engaged in farming until 1844, when he took up his abode near Woodburn, where he continued to reside until his death, on the 24th of February, 1865. His wife had passed away in 1860. In their family were seven children, as follows: Elizabeth, Cynthia and Barbara, all deceased; Alfred, of this re-



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view; Martha, also deceased; David, a resident of Beaver Dam Lake; and Mary, who has likewise passed away.

Alfred Davis acquired a good education in the common schools of Bunker Hill township and after putting aside his text-books learned the blacksmith's trade, which he continued to follow, while residing at home, until the outbreak of the Civil war. He then offered his services to the Union and for nine months served as a private in the One Hundred and Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry. After returning home he purchased his father's farm near Woodburn in 1866, and later removed to Brighton township, where he carried on agricultural pursuits until four years ago, when he sold his farm to his son and, with a substantial competence which he had been able to acquire, he took up his abode in Woodburn, where he now owns a comfortable home and six town lots. He has now put aside all business cares and is living retired, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former years of toil.

In 1862 Mr. Davis was married to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Goodman, and by this union were born ten children, namely: Margaret and Alfred, both of whom are deceased; James J., who owns the old homestead farm; John, a resident of Beaver Dam Lake; Amos, of Edwardsville; Addie, the wife of Herman Elles, of Woodburn; George, who lives in Nebraska; Hattie W., residing at Bethalto, Illinois; Ida, who married Hiram Eddington, of Brighton, Illinois; and Minar A., deceased. Mrs. Davis died February 3, 1895.

The religious faith of Mr. Davis is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church, while politically he supports the republican party. Having spent his entire life within the boundaries of Macoupin county he is widely and favorably known here and is recognized by his fellowmen as a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family.

SPENCER G. BROWN.

The advantages possessed by one who makes thorough preparation for his life pursuit are strikingly exemplified in the experience of Spencer G. Brown who is successfully engaged in the practice of law at Brighton. Although he began practice only four years ago, he has secured a lucrative clientage and has demonstrated a natural ability and a knowledge of the principles of law which have gained for him a high standing as a member of the bar of Macoupin county. He is a native of Brighton, born in 1881, a son of M. Spencer and Mary Frances (Gilson) Brown, both of whom were also born at Brighton. The father is postmaster of Brighton and an interesting sketch of his career appears elsewhere in this work. Michael Brown, grandfather of our subject on the paternal side, was born in Ohio in 1810 and in 1825 came with an uncle to Upper Alton, Illinois. In 1826 he assisted his uncle, Oliver Brown, in erecting the first house at Brighton and four years later became a resident of this region, locating on a farm which is still in possession of the family, adjoining the town of Brighton, and is known as the Brown homestead. James W. Gilson, grandfather on the maternal side, was a native of Westmoreland county,

Pennsylvania. He came to Macoupin county about 1840 and acquired a farm adjoining Brighton, which is now the homestead of the parents of our subject. This farm is now under lease and Mr. Brown is giving his attention mainly to his duties as postmaster.

In the public schools of Brighton Spencer G. Brown gained the rudiments of an education, which he has greatly broadened by study and contact with the world. He was graduated from the Brighton high school in 1898 and soon afterward entered Blackburn University at Carlinville, from which, in 1903, he received the degree of A. B. Desiring to secure the very best education available, he entered the post-graduate department of Princeton University and in 1904 received the degree of A. M. from that noted institution. Having decided to devote his life to the practice of law he became a student in the Yale Law School from which he was graduated in 1907 with the degree of LL. B. He immediately began practice at Brighton and from the start showed an interest in his clients and an adaptability to his chosen calling which gave assurance of marked success.

On the 22d of March, 1910, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Nellie R. Messick, of Carlinville. In politics he adheres to the republican party and in 1910 was a candidate for county judge. It proved one of the "off" years and the entire ticket was defeated. He is greatly interested in the cause of education and is now serving as a member of the school board of Brighton. Fraternally Mr. Brown is identified with Hibbard Lodge No. 249, A. F. & A. M., and Brighton Camp No. 1688, M. W. A. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church of which he is an elder. Possessing a genial manner and a pleasing personality, he has won the respect and confidence of all with whom he has had business or social relations and is one of the popular young men of the county. He is a careful and conscientious student and spares no time or labor in the study of principles and authorities pertaining to cases entrusted to his hands. Being a clear and convincing speaker he has no difficulty in arousing the interest and holding the undivided attention of his hearers. He is also highly effective as a popular platform speaker and, judged by what he has accomplished, there is every reason to prophesy that he will gain an enviable reputation as an attorney and counselor in the years that are to come.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON HORINE.

William Henry Harrison Horine, who for thirty-nine years has been engaged in the jewelry business in Carlinville, was born in Williamsport, Maryland, on the 20th of April, 1840, and is a son of Henry A. and Anna (Kriebs) Horine, also natives of Maryland.

The education of William Henry Harrison Horine was pursued in the public schools of his native state until it was considered he had sufficient knowledge to enable him to begin his real life work. After terminating his studies he worked for his father, but later turned his attention to the machinist's trade. In August, 1862, he responded to the call for troops and went to the front with

Company A, Seventh Maryland Regiment. He enlisted as a private but was later promoted to Corporal and was discharged with the rank of second lieutenant. His period of service lasted from his enlistment August 8, 1862, to the time of Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House, at which event he was present. After returning home from the war Mr. Horine learned the art of a photographer, in which business he engaged in Chicago for about three years. In 1869 he came to Carlinville, continuing to work at photography until 1872, when he bought out C. L. Andrist, the jeweler, and has ever since been identified with this business.

Mr. Horine was united in marriage in 1874 to Mrs. Annie (Bell) Sprague, a native of Alabama, and they have become the parents of two children: William Henry, Jr., and Anna Mary, now Mrs. John F. Zimmerman.

They affiliate with the Baptist church and fraternally Mr. Horine is a member of the Masonic order, being identified with Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., of which he was treasurer for nineteen years and Macoupin Chapter, No. 87, R. A. M., of which he was formerly Excellent High Priest and is now Chaplain. He also holds membership in Carlinville Camp, No. 125, M. W. A. and Orient Lodge, No. 95, K. of P. Mr. Horine maintains relations with his old comrades of the field through his connection with Dan Messick Post, No. 339, G. A. R., of which he is commander. His ballot is always cast in support of the men and measures of the republican party. He has never taken a very prominent part in municipal politics but served as mayor of the town for one term, and was also a member of the school board for several years. During the long period of his residence in Carlinville, Mr. Horine has won and held the regard of many and is one of the highly esteemed business men of the town.

OLLIN R. ROHRER.

One of the substantial and successful financiers of Macoupin county is Ollin R. Rohrer, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Virden. He was born near Waverly, Illinois, October 12, 1866, a son of John W. and Lillie A. (Allen) Rohrer. He was reared on a farm and early learned the value of labor. In whatever he has engaged he has brought to bear a persistency which is one of the essentials in the accomplishment of any important undertaking. The success he has attained is the result of initiative and natural ability combined with an unquestioned integrity that has won for him the confidence and respect of the community. His paternal grandfather, Jonathan Rohrer, was a native of Kentucky and grew to maturity in the Blue Grass state. He then joined the tide of emigration westward and became one of the pioneers of Morgan county, Illinois. He married Polly Traughber and they became the parents of seven children, one of whom was John W. Rohrer. In early manhood John W. Rohrer was united in marriage to Miss Lillie A. Allen, a daughter of Thomas B. and Martha (Hazelwood) Allen, both of whom were natives of Greene county, Illinois, the daughter Lillie being one of five children born to this worthy couple. Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer were the parents of four children, namely: Alvin F., who

is secretary and treasurer of the F. S. Betts Company, of Chicago; Ollin R., of this review; a daughter now deceased; and E. C., who is connected with the G. W. Walker Company, a bond house of St. Louis, Missouri. The parents are both now deceased, the father having died about twenty-five years ago, while the mother was called away about fourteen years ago. Their remains were interred in Waverly cemetery, Morgan county, Illinois, near their old home.

Ollin R. Rohrer was educated in the country schools of Morgan county and in the high school at Waverly. He also attended the Bryant & Stratton Business College at Chicago, where he pursued the commercial course. Upon returning home he engaged in farming and later became clerk in a bank at Waverly, thus gaining his first practical experience in the banking business. After spending about two years in learning the details of a vocation for which he has shown special adaptability, he came to Virden and organized the Farmers and Merchants Bank, which was conducted as a private banking institution until 1910, when it was incorporated as a state bank with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars. Mr. Rohrer has been active in its management from the time of its organization and is still serving as cashier and manager. The bank is firmly established and as its stockholders and officers are men of influence and responsibility, it is recognized as one of the strong factors in the upbuilding of the entire section of which Virden is the center.

On December 14, 1897, Mr. Rohrer was married to Miss Edith Shriver, a daughter of Dr. William A. and Carrie (Howland) Shriver. The father is a leading physician of Virden but the mother is deceased, having been called away about fifteen years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer have two children, Ethelene, who was born December 26, 1899; and Russell, born May 12, 1901. Mr. Rohrer and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Virden. Politically he is a democrat. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at Virden and has taken the higher degrees, being a Mystic Shriner and also a member of the Knights of Pythias. As he is a man of pleasing address he readily makes acquaintances and is one of the best known citizens of Virden. In his business affairs he has displayed an energy and discrimination which have produced highly satisfactory results and his spirit of enterprise gives bright promise of continued success in years to come.

C. CLAVIN.

C. Clavin, a prominent representative of financial interests in Macoupin county, is the cashier and business manager of the First National Bank at Mount Olive. His birth occurred in Keytesville, Missouri, on the 5th of November, 1880, his parents being William and Elizabeth (Hibler) Clavin, who were natives of Ireland and Kentucky respectively. The father crossed the Atlantic to the United States in early manhood, landing in New York city on the day of President Buchanan's election in 1857. Making his way westward, he was married in Brookfield, Missouri, where his wife's parents had settled after leaving the Blue Grass state. Following his arrival in Missouri, William

Clavin was for some time engaged in construction work on the Hannibal & St. Joe Railroad, while subsequently he was employed on a large plantation in that state. At the time of the outbreak of the Civil war, having been associated with the southern people and being an employe of a heavy slaveholding planter, he enlisted for service with the Confederate troops and fought under General Price. He was captured at the battle of Wilson Creek and confined as a prisoner in Alton, Illinois, until the cessation of hostilities, when he was discharged and returned to Missouri. In that state he followed farming throughout the remainder of his life, passing away in November, 1904, at the age of sixty-five years. His wife was called to her final rest in January, 1902, when fifty-eight years old.

C. Clavin was reared under the parental roof and supplemented his early education, obtained in the public schools, by a six years' course of study in St. Francis College at Quincy, Illinois, from which institution he was graduated in 1902 with the degree of A. B. Five days after his graduation he entered the Farmers Bank of Keytesville, Missouri, as bookkeeper, acting in that capacity for about a year and a half. On the expiration of that period he went to Marine, Illinois, to accept the proffered position of cashier of the Bank of Marine. At the end of nine months, however, he severed his connection with that institution and came to Mount Olive, here organizing the First National Bank, of which he was made cashier and business manager. Under Mr. Clavin's able management the bank has built up an extensive banking business and has become one of the leading moneyed institutions of Macoupin county.

On the 5th of November, 1906, Mr. Clavin was united in marriage to Miss Clara Rumpf of Mount Olive, her father being Frederick W. Rumpf, now deceased, who for many years acted as agent of the Pacific Express Company. Unto our subject and his wife have been born two children: E. Marian and C. Grattan.

Mr. Clavin is a member of Litchfield Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and also belongs to the Knights of Columbus. Both he and his wife are faithful communicants of the Catholic church and are numbered among the leading and esteemed residents of Mount Olive.

ANDREW J. DUGGAN.

The present city attorney of Carlinville, Andrew J. Duggan, who is serving his fifth term in this capacity, was born in Jersey county, Illinois, on the 11th of December, 1869. He is a son of Michael and Ann (Long) Duggan, natives of Ireland, the father having located in Illinois in 1851.

In the acquirement of his education Andrew J. Duggan attended the public schools of his native county, being graduated from the high school at Jerseyville in 1890. For a year thereafter he taught school, coming to Carlinville in 1891. Here he entered the office of Judge Robert B. Shirley where he read law until August, 1893, when he was admitted to the bar of Illinois. He immediately engaged in practicing in Carlinville where he has ever since resided.

On the 1st of June, 1898, Mr. Duggan was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Baker, a native of this county and a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Powell) Baker, the father a native of Kentucky. Mrs. Duggan's paternal forefathers participated in the Revolutionary war. To Mr. and Mrs. Duggan have been born two children: Elizabeth Ann and Willard Baker.

Politically Mr. Duggan is a democrat, and has always taken an active and prominent part in all municipal affairs. His first official position was that of justice of the peace which he held from 1893 to 1897. Two years after the expiration of his term of office he was elected city attorney, being twice reelected. He resigned this position in 1905 having been appointed master in chancery by Judge Robert B. Shirley, which office he filled for two terms. In 1909 he was again elected city attorney and reelected in 1911, his long period in this office being a tribute to his efficiency, as is also the fact that he seldom has any opposition. It was during Mr. Duggan's incumbency that the Chicago & Alton Railroad was compelled to stop its limited train at Carlinville. Mr. Duggan started his proceedings against this company as violators of the speed ordinance, winning in the lower court. The case was appealed and carried through to the supreme court, the original verdict being sustained in every instance. The case was watched with a great deal of interest by legal men all over the country, for if the city won it meant the establishment of a precedent which would have considerable weight in future litigations. The case of the City of Carlinville versus Chicago & Alton Railroad Company is now cited as an example in some of the legal works on railroad decisions.

Fraternally Mr. Duggan is identified with the Masonic order, being a member of Sangamon Lodge of Perfection, Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., in which he has held all of the chairs, being at the present time Junior Warden. He also belongs to Macoupin Chapter, No. 187, R. A. M.; Orient Lodge, No. 95, K. of P., in which he has held all of the chairs; and Carlinville Camp, No. 125, M. W. A., where he has also filled all of the chairs. He is a member of the Forum Club and is now acting as chairman of the thirty-eighth senatorial committee.

WILLIAM NEIL.

William Neil, head of the William Neil Coal Company, was born in Rutherglen, Scotland, on the 21st of January, 1847. He is a son of John and Margaret (Gillespie) Neil, both of whom were born in the vicinity of Glasgow. The maternal grandfather came to the United States as superintendent of bridge construction for the Chicago & Alton Railway. John Neil when a very young lad went to work in the coal mines of Scotland, where he continued to be employed until in the early '50s, when he emigrated to the United States with his wife and family. He first located in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, remaining for four or five years, then came to Alton, this state, continuing to follow mining until 1865 when he went to Bethalto, Illinois, to take a position with the Madison Coal Co. Six years thereafter he became a citizen of Bunker Hill, where

he continued to reside until his demise which occurred in 1877. The mother passed away in 1872. Six children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Neil, the order of birth being as follows: William, our subject; Peter, who is deceased; John, who is a resident of Bunker Hill; Martha, the wife of James Monehan, of Gillespie, Illinois; and Robert and James, both of whom reside in St. Louis.

The public school of Pottsville, Pennsylvania, provided William Neil with the greater portion of his education. At the age of fifteen years he went to work in the mines, but he was an ambitious youth and attended night school, after the completion of his day's labor until he had acquired a good common school education. He has always been engaged in mining in some capacity, and for more than thirty years has been superintending the operation of his own mine. He sunk his first shaft in 1880, the company at that time being known as Neil Bros. It subsequently became The William Neil Co., then the Bunker Hill Coal Co., and is now known as The William Neil Coal Co.

In 1868, Mr. Neil was married to Miss Sarah Birch and to them were born five children: Mary, the wife of L. E. Jasen, a resident of Bunker Hill; John H., who is in business with his father; Ethel, the wife of C. P. Jewett; Catherine, who married William McMillen, of Gillespie, Illinois; and Arthur, who is dead.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Neil hold membership in the Baptist church of which he is one of the deacons, while he has served continuously as Sunday School superintendent for twenty-six years. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, and both he and Mrs. Neil belong to the Order of the Eastern Star. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, having served for one hundred and forty days in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-third Illinois Infantry. He enlisted at Alton, his period of service being occupied by guard duty at the prison at Rock Island. When first granted the right of franchise Mr. Neil cast his ballot for the candidate of the republican party, but he has been voting the prohibition ticket for the past twenty-five years. As a public citizen he does all within his power to promote the best interests of the community, and never withholds his support from any movement which he deems adapted to subserve the interests of the majority.

E. GEORGE RANDLE.

E. George Randle, who for thirty years was engaged in the general merchandise business in Shipman, but is now living retired, is one of the oldest settlers in Macoupin county. His birth occurred in Todd county, Kentucky, on the 2d of April, 1828, and he is a son of John H. and Sarah H. (Arnold) Randle, the father a native of North Carolina and the mother of Virginia. They migrated to Illinois in 1830, first locating in Edwardsville, which at that time was only a fort, the Indians still being hostile in this vicinity. Subsequently they settled in Macoupin county, the father entering two hundred acres of government land that he cultivated until his death. In the family of Mr. and

Mrs. John H. Randle there were four sons and two daughters, the son E. George being the eldest. All of them are living with the exception of two.

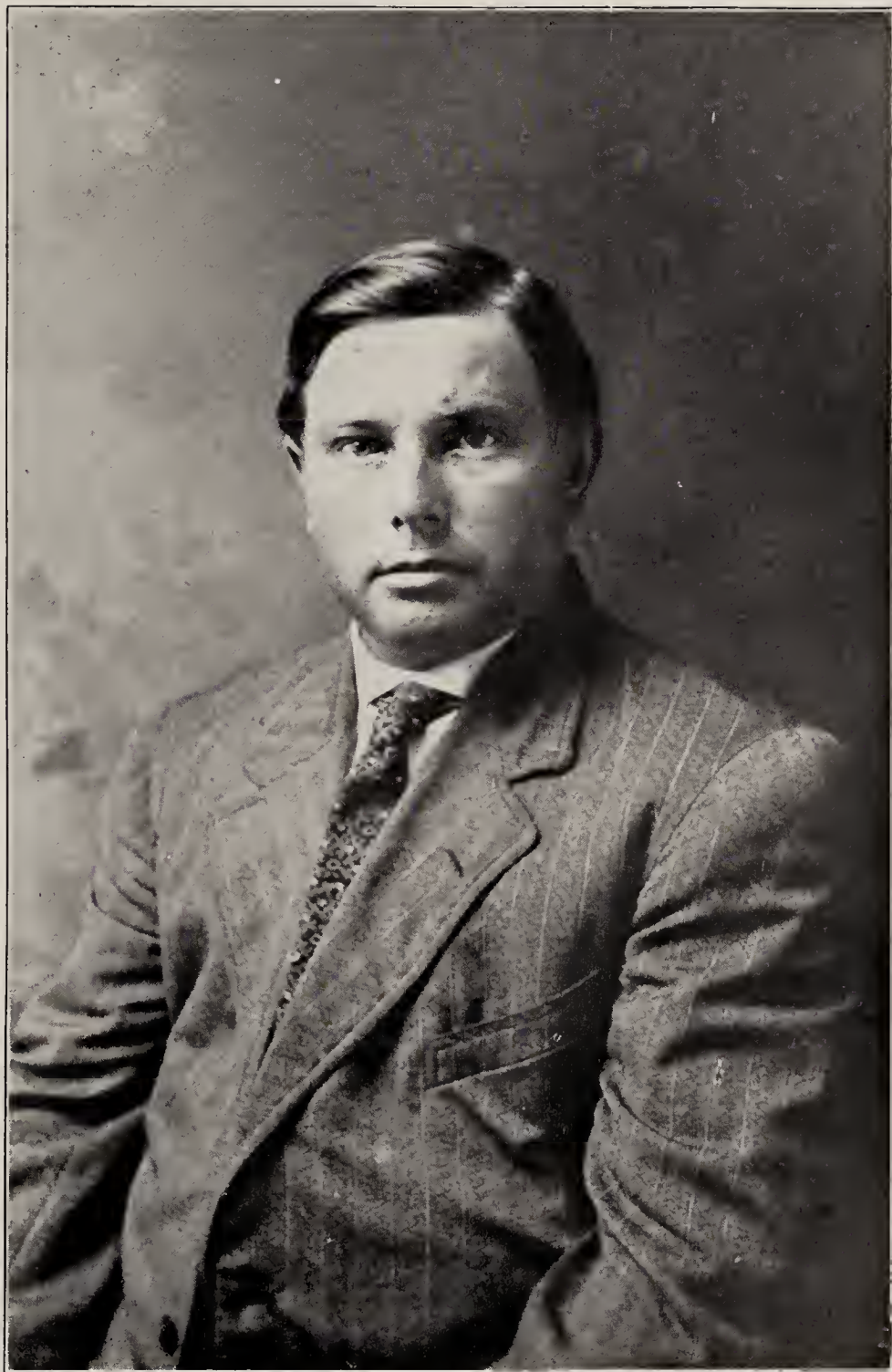
As he was still a small lad when the family settled in this county, E. George Randle acquired his education in a little log schoolhouse with slab benches and puncheon floor in Shipman township. While engaged in the mastery of the common branches he was becoming acquainted with the simpler principles of agriculture under the direction of his father. His early years were not particularly different from those of other pioneer farmer lads of that period, much of his time being taken up in the work on the fields and care of the stock. The family as a whole shared in all of the hardships and privations that devolve upon those who form the advance guard of civilization in any new country. E. George Randle remained under the parental roof assisting in the cultivation of the home farm until 1856, when he came to Shipman and opened a general merchandise store. Commercial enterprises continued to engage his attention for thirty years, proving so lucrative that at the expiration of that period he disposed of his business and has since been living retired.

It was in Christian county, Illinois, in 1858, that Mr. Randle and Miss Roxie Ann Warren were united in marriage. Mrs. Randle, who passed away in 1873, was a native of the state of New York. She migrated from her native state to Illinois when a child with her parents, who settled in Macoupin county, where the father followed agricultural pursuits. To Mr. and Mrs. Randle were born two sons and two daughters, namely: Abigail, who is deceased; Charles, who is a resident of Pana, Illinois; Harriet, the wife of Prentice Cutler, now living in Oregon; and G. Warren, of Grove City, Illinois. In 1875 Mr. Randle was again married to Miss Frances McClaren, a native of Pennsylvania but a resident of Shipman. When still in her girlhood she came to Illinois with her parents, who settled on a farm in this county where they spent their latter years. Two children, a son and a daughter, born of this marriage are living: John and Florence, both of whom are at home.

The family affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which the parents have long held membership, and politically Mr. Randle is a republican. A man of clear judgment and business ability, he acquired in his early life the means to enable him to enjoy his latter years in well earned ease and comfort.

HERMAN JOHNSON.

Herman Johnson, a successful general merchant of Mount Olive and one of its most reliable and progressive citizens, is a native of Montgomery county, Illinois. He is of Teutonic descent on both sides of the family and was born May 19, 1883, a son of John B. and Trientje (Rossmiller) Johnson. The parents were both born in Germany and were reared in their native land, coming to America after they had reached years of maturity. The father engaged in farming for a number of years in Montgomery county, Illinois, and in 1889 removed with his family to Mount Olive, where he has since resided. He was born January 1, 1829, and is now in his eighty-third year. In April, 1908, he



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suffered a stroke of paralysis, which has greatly weakened him physically. The mother is still living and has reached the age of seventy-five. They are both devout members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. Mr. Johnson has given his support to the republican party but has never been an aspirant for public office, preferring to devote his attention to his business affairs in which he has met with a merited degree of success.

Herman Johnson attended the public schools and the Mount Olive high school, later being a student for one year at the Central Wesleyan College of Warrenton, Missouri. Returning from college, he became clerk in the store of Linsky Brothers, of Mount Olive, for four years and six months, and then resigned to engage in general mercantile business on his own account, opening a store as proprietor on November 18, 1908. He has shown excellent business ability and has attracted an extensive patronage, being today recognized as one of the leading business men of Mount Olive. He is also interested in the Wire Reinforced Harness & Manufacturing Company of Mount Olive and is a stockholder of the Chanute Brick & Tile Company of Chanute, Kansas.

On the 17th of November, 1907, Mr. Johnson was married at Mount Olive to Miss Sophia Grossenheider, a daughter of Herman Grossenheider. Her father is a prosperous farmer residing in Cahokia township, five miles north of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of one child, Elmer, who was born April 3, 1909.

Politically Mr. Johnson gives his support to the republican party in national affairs but at local elections votes for the candidate he considers best adapted to fill the office. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church and can claim many friends in Mount Olive and vicinity. He is a member of the Retail Business Men's Association and, being an upright and loyal citizen, may always be depended upon to support the best interests of the community.

GEORGE URQUHART.

Success in life is not so much a matter of opportunity as the power to dominate conditions and through inherent force create opportunities commensurate with the ability and ambition of the one seeking to advance. Of such as these is George Urquhart, who through his own effort has risen from a farm hand to one of the largest property holders and affluent citizens of Brushy Mound township. He was born in Durham, England, on the 12th of November, 1843, a son of Thomas and Catharine (Middleton) Urquhart, the father of Scotch and English and the mother of English extraction. Thomas Urquhart, who was a farmer in his native land, emigrated to the United States with his wife and son in 1849, locating in Chicago, where he subsequently died. In later years the mother with her son came on to Morgan county, finally settling in Macoupin county, and there passed away at the home of her son, in 1883.

George Urquhart was twenty-eight years of age when he came to this county, locating on a farm northwest of Carlinville. He had previously worked out as

a farm hand by the month until able to begin as a renter. Ambitious and industrious by means of constant application and thrift he was able to buy one hundred and sixty acres of land on sections 32 and 33 in Brushy Mound township. This he has brought into a high state of cultivation, improving it until it is one of the most attractive places in the county. Unceasing effort and intelligent application brought the usual reward and thus he was able to add to his holdings from time to time. In addition to his fine home farm he now owns one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 32 and the same amount in another tract on sections 31 and 32 and twenty acres of timber land in Brushy Mound township, while in Gillespie township he has two hundred and fifty-three acres of tillable land in two pieces and forty acres of timber, and in Honey Point township one hundred and sixty acres of farm land. His entire holdings, therefore, aggregate nine hundred and fifty-three acres, all of which is good land. He carries on general farming on three of his one hundred and sixty acre tracts and rents his other farms. He is recognized as one of the most prosperous farmers of the county, but his success does not exceed the effort.

On the 10th of December, 1872, Mr. Urquhart married Miss Sarah J. Smithson, a daughter of William and Jane (Megginson) Smithson, natives of England, whence they emigrated with their parents to America when children. They were reared in the vicinity of Jacksonville, Morgan county, Illinois, where they were married. In 1852 Mr. Smithson went to California, not returning until his daughter, Mrs. Urquhart, was thirteen years of age. He remained in Illinois for a brief period then went back to California and was never heard from again. The mother passed away in Morgan county in 1854. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Urquhart: Jennie, who is living at home; Thomas Mayfield, who died at the age of sixteen months; Grace, the wife of Jacob Young, Jr., a farmer of Brushy Mound township; Annetta May, who married Andrew Ruyle, also a farmer of Gillespie township; Georgia, the wife of Albert Young, a farmer in Cahokia township; and Thomas, Ralph L., Dorcas and Bessie, all of whom are at home.

Ever since acquiring the full rights of citizenship Mr. Urquhart has given his political support to the candidates of the republican party. He has ever been loyal in his allegiance to the country of his adoption, and twice served as a ninety-day man from Morgan county during the Civil war. Such is the history in brief of the life of George Urquhart, a study of which will show that what he has accomplished has often lain within the possibilities of others had their effort been equal to his.

JOHN WESLEY BITTER.

Few men in Honey Point township are accorded the confidence and respect of their neighbors in a higher degree than John Wesley Bitter. He was born in St. Clair county, Illinois, January 22, 1862, a son of John and Tracy (Mulkin) Bitter, both of whom were natives of Germany. The parents were married in the old country and came to America seventy-five years ago, taking up their

residence on a farm in St. Clair county, Illinois. Subsequently they arrived in Macoupin county where Mr. Bitter continued farming. His wife died in this county about twenty years ago, and later he removed to Montgomery county where he continued until his death, in 1903, being then seventy-three years of age. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Bitter were six children, namely: William, who is engaged in farming in Montgomery county; John Wesley; Lena, who married Will Roth, a milk dealer of Litchfield; Bertha, who is the wife of Otto Roth, a brother of Will Roth, the former of whom is now in charge of the old Roth homestead in Montgomery county; Louis, who engaged in farming and died in 1904, at the age of thirty years; and Grace, the wife of Will Prince, an electrician of Redlands, California.

John W. Bitter attended the common schools and in his boyhood showed an interest in work pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising which gave bright promise of his success as a farmer. He remained with his father in Montgomery county until after reaching manhood, and began farming on his own account in Macoupin county by renting one hundred and sixty acres in Honey Point township, being associated in this undertaking with his brother William. At the close of three years he was married and took up his residence with his bride on the Guy Snell farm of one hundred and sixty acres, in Honey Point township, continuing there for eighteen years. He then purchased eighty acres on section 12 of the same township, upon which he took up his home, also renting one hundred and sixty acres in the neighborhood. He now rents eighty acres of his father-in-law, which he cultivates in addition to his home place, and is the owner of ten acres of valuable natural timber in Cahokia township. He carries on general farming, in which he is assisted by his son, and raises a good grade of stock, paying special attention to the feeding and marketing of hogs.

On the 11th of February, 1887, Mr. Bitter was married to Miss Kate Maude Nail, a daughter of Henry T. and Rose (Leigh) Nail. The father was born in Jerseyville, Jersey county, Illinois, February 1, 1845, and the mother on March 12, 1850. They came to Macoupin county when their daughter, Kate Maude Nail, was eight years of age and located in Honey Point township. Mr. Nail retired from active work six years ago and in April, 1910, moved to Litchfield, where he and his wife are now living. There were four children in their family: Kate Maude, now Mrs. John W. Bitter; D. H., who is superintendent of the Electric Power Company of East St. Louis, Illinois; William, a foundryman of Litchfield, Illinois; and Mary Jane, the wife of Fred E. Smith, a representative of the Alaskan Developing Company at Los Angeles, California. Mr. and Mrs. Bitter have three children. Harry Sihler, attended the Litchfield high school and is now eighteen years of age. He assists his father upon the home farm. Bernice M., sixteen years of age, was a student of the Litchfield high school for two years and resides at home. Ilda Maurine is ten years of age and is a student of the district school.

Politically Mr. Bitter is an earnest supporter of the republican party and has served for ten years as a member of the school board. He and his wife affiliate with the German Lutheran church of Litchfield, while Bernice is a member of the Presbyterian church of the same place. Mr. Bitter has shown marked ability in his calling and has concentrated his best energies so as to

produce practical results. He and his family are now enjoying the rewards of his industry and good judgment. He has won a measure of success even beyond his early expectations and can confidently look forward to still greater prosperity in years to come. In 1909 he erected a beautiful new home on his place which is one of the finest residences in the township if not in the county.

JAMES B. SEARCY.

James B. Searcy, chairman of the republican county central committee of Macoupin county and for the past twenty-five years a prominent lawyer of central Illinois, is a native of Columbia, Missouri, born August 15, 1858. He is a son of Benjamin P. and Nancy E. (Ridgway) Searcy, both of whom were also natives of Missouri. Of their children three grew to maturity: James B.; Sarah F., who is the wife of Lincoln H. Chiles, of Ellensburg, Washington; and William N., a lawyer of Silverton, Colorado.

The father of our subject was reared in Boone county, Missouri, and was one of the early students of the State University at Columbia. He was one of the first settlers of Boone Valley, near Watrous, New Mexico, and continued there until his death, in 1868, when he was forty-two years of age. His widow and children came to Illinois and located near Palmyra, in Macoupin county, where the children grew to maturity. The mother died in 1897, at the age of fifty-eight years. In 1879 she had married Captain James S. Chiles, who was an officer in the One Hundred and Twenty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war and died in 1900. She was a member of the Christian church, her husband having been identified with the Baptist denomination.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Lemuel B. Searcy. He was a native of Kentucky and was of Scotch-Irish and English descent. He moved to Missouri in 1821, but previous to that time served under General Harrison on the Maumee river against the British general, Proctor, in the war of 1812. He was one of one hundred and eighty-seven out of eight hundred in Colonel Dudley's regiment from Kentucky, who escaped ambush through the treachery of a supposed friendly Indian. The maiden name of his wife was Elizabeth Connelly and her father was John Connelly, a soldier under General Washington at the battle of Yorktown and in other battles. Mr. Searcy died in Boone county at the age of sixty-seven years, his wife being called away at the age of seventy-three. They had seven sons and three daughters, all of whom are deceased. The grandfather on the maternal side was John D. Ridgway. He was a native of Kentucky and removed to Missouri in 1823 and engaged in farming in Boone county. He married Sophia Wigginton whose ancestors were Virginians. Mr. Ridgway came to Illinois with his family in 1861 and located near Palmyra. He died in October, 1893, at the age of eighty-four years, his wife having passed away in September, 1889, at the age of eighty. Of their children two are now living: Zachariah Clay, of Louisiana, Missouri; and John Taylor, of Palmyra, Illinois. There was another son, William H. H., who was with Grant's army at the battle of Shiloh and died at Corinth shortly after

the battle of Shiloh. At the time of the Civil war the family was divided, two uncles of our subject engaging in behalf of the Confederacy and two uncles for the Union cause. Benton Searcy was a soldier in General Price's army and Jasper Searcy was an adjutant on General Price's staff. William H. H. Ridgway, heretofore mentioned, was in the Union army and J. Wesley Butcher, another uncle of our subject, marched with Sherman to the sea.

Upon his mother's farm near Palmyra James B. Searcy passed his boyhood and youth from ten years of age. He attended the district schools and later entered Blackburn University from which he was graduated in 1883. After teaching school for two years near Palmyra he began the study of law in the law department of the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington where he spent one term. He then entered the offices of Rinaker & Rinaker at Carlinville, pursuing his studies for two years, and in 1885 was admitted to the Illinois bar. He at once began practice at Palmyra where he engaged continuously in his profession for fourteen years, during ten years of which he filled the office of village attorney. Since 1900 he has lived at Carlinville. He was elected to the lower house of the state legislature in 1898 and served as chairman of the committee on mines and mining, which committee revised the laws on mines and mining in Illinois. He also was the father of the free employment bill which is now in force in this state and has proved of inestimable value, its principal features having already been adopted by other states of the Union. In 1900 he associated with Charles A. Walker in practice and they continued together until 1908, since which time Mr. Searcy has practiced alone. He still retains an interest in his office at Palmyra.

On November 19, 1879, Mr. Searcy was married to Miss Anna Richie, a daughter of Eli W. Richie. A daughter was born to this marriage in August, 1880, and both mother and daughter died in that year. On the 18th of July, 1886, Mr. Searcy was married to Mrs. Mary E. (Fansler) Duncan, widow of Allen Duncan and a daughter of Endimon and Mary (King) Fansler. The father was a prominent farmer of Barr township and in his earlier life served as a soldier in the Mexican war. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Searcy: Earl Benjamin, who was graduated from the Blackburn University in 1908 and is now connected with the editorial department of the Illinois State Journal at Springfield; William Endimon, who is now in charge of the farm belonging to his father in this county; Evan Lemuel, who is attending Blackburn University and is a student in the senior class; Lynn Dooley, now attending high school at Carlinville; and Helen Frances, a student in the public schools. Mrs. Mary E. Searcy was born in Barr township. Her parents were natives of Tennessee and came to Macoupin county in 1851. The father died at the age of sixty-seven and the mother at the age of forty-two. They had nine children: William A., deceased; Thomas L., a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Henry G., of Barr township; Mary E., now Mrs. James B. Searcy; James E., who makes his home at Brookings, South Dakota; Hallie, who married R. M. Fearn and is now deceased; Joseph A., of East St. Louis, Illinois; Jennie Fansler, who married Luther Ross, of Barr township; and Carroll Fansler, also of Barr township.

Mr. Searcy and his family are members of the Christian church of which he is an elder. Fraternally he is identified with Mount Nebo Lodge No. 76, A. F. & A. M., Castle Lodge No. 95, K. P., of Carlinville, and Carlinville Camp No. 125, M. W. A., having been a member of the latter organization since December, 1885. He takes a great interest in education and was a member of the school board at Palmyra nine years and also served as president of the board at Carlinville one year. He has been very active in behalf of the republican party and is now serving as chairman of the republican county central committee. He is the owner of a well cultivated farm of eighty acres in Carlinville township, three-quarters of a mile from the city limits, and is deeply interested in agriculture and the great advances made in all departments of farming during recent years. As a representative citizen of the county he takes just pride in its continued advancement. He has throughout his entire professional career been a stanch advocate of justice and fair play, either in the courts or elsewhere, and by his influence and example has assisted in inculcating respect for those in authority and reverence for justice and truth. He is a natural leader and commands the entire confidence of his associates and of all with whom he is brought into contact.

JOHN T. PEMBROKE.

John T. Pembroke, who has charge of the grain business of G. B. Carrico at Womac, where he has been residing for the past four years, was born in Jersey county, Illinois, on the 27th of October, 1863. He is a son of Wesley N. and Sarah E. (Sumner) Pembroke, the father being a native of Illinois and the mother of Indiana.

Wesley N. Pembroke was born in Jersey county, this state, and there he was reared and educated. When old enough to begin to work for himself he rented some land in Jersey county that he operated for a few years and then came to Macoupin county. Upon his arrival here he located in Shaws Point township in the vicinity of Atwater, where he rented and cultivated land until 1897, when he withdrew from active work. He has ever since lived retired in Atwater where he owns a very pleasant residence. Seventy-five years have elapsed since the birth of Wesley N. Pembroke, during the last two of which he has been traveling life's journey alone, his wife having passed away on the 9th of January, 1909.

Reared in the country the educational advantages of John T. Pembroke were limited to the district schools, which at that period were both limited and inefficient. He remained on the farm with his parents, assisting his father in tilling the fields and caring for the crops, until he was nineteen years of age. He then began his career as a wage earner by going out to work by the month as a farm hand, and later he joined a threshing crew. This served to enable him to acquire the means to begin his independent agricultural career, so at the expiration of a few years he went to Butler, Illinois. There he rented a farm that he operated for two years, subsequently returning to Macoupin county

where he continued to farm as a renter. In 1907 he withdrew from agricultural pursuits and came to Womac to take charge of the elevator and grain business of G. B. Carrico, which position he now fills.

On the 22d of November, 1884, occurred the marriage of Mr. Pembroke and Miss Lena K. Henderson, a daughter of John and Carrie (Hill) Henderson, natives of Indiana. The father was a blacksmith and followed his trade in Indiana for several years. He came from there to Jersey county, Illinois, during the early days and established a shop that he operated for eight or ten years. Disposing of his business at the end of that time he came to Macoupin county, first locating at Medora, but later he removed to Shaws Point township. After conducting a shop there for about eight years he went to Litchfield, where he was actively identified with his trade until 1900, when he retired. He has now attained the venerable age of eighty-five years and continues to make his home in Litchfield. The mother, however, passed away on the 22d of December, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke were the parents of six children: Hallie R., who is twenty-two years old, the wife of Edward Lyons, of St. Louis, Missouri; Alta B., now twenty years of age, who became the wife of H. T. Smith, a farmer of Shaws Point township; Hazel May, eighteen years old; Dale M., a youth of sixteen years; Ross H., of the age of thirteen; and Joy Vernon, who has attained the age of nine years. The four last named are all living at home.

The religious views of the family are manifested through their affiliation with the Christian church, while fraternally Mr. Pembroke is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and is clerk of the camp, in which he holds membership. His political support is given to the republican party and he is serving at the present time as township collector; he has also acted in the capacity of school director. He is very comfortably situated and has a pleasant residence and three and a half lots in Womac.

DAVID R. MANSFIELD.

David R. Mansfield, for many years engaged in agricultural pursuits in this county, still resides upon his farm in Scottville township, but is now living practically retired, several of his grandsons looking after the cultivation of his property. He was born in Morgan county, Illinois, on the 27th of October, 1842, and is a son of Albert and Lucinda (McDonald) Mansfield, the father being a native of Kentucky and the mother of Tennessee. Albert Mansfield, who was a farmer, came from his native state to Illinois in 1829, locating in Morgan county, where he resided until 1856, when he came to Macoupin county and purchased some land. Here he passed away in 1890 at the age of seventy years, when the mother died during the early childhood of her son David R. For his second wife Mr. Mansfield married Maria Price, who died in 1909.

David R. Mansfield was educated in the common schools of his native county, during which time he was also becoming familiar with the best methods of caring for the fields and stock under the direction of his father. When

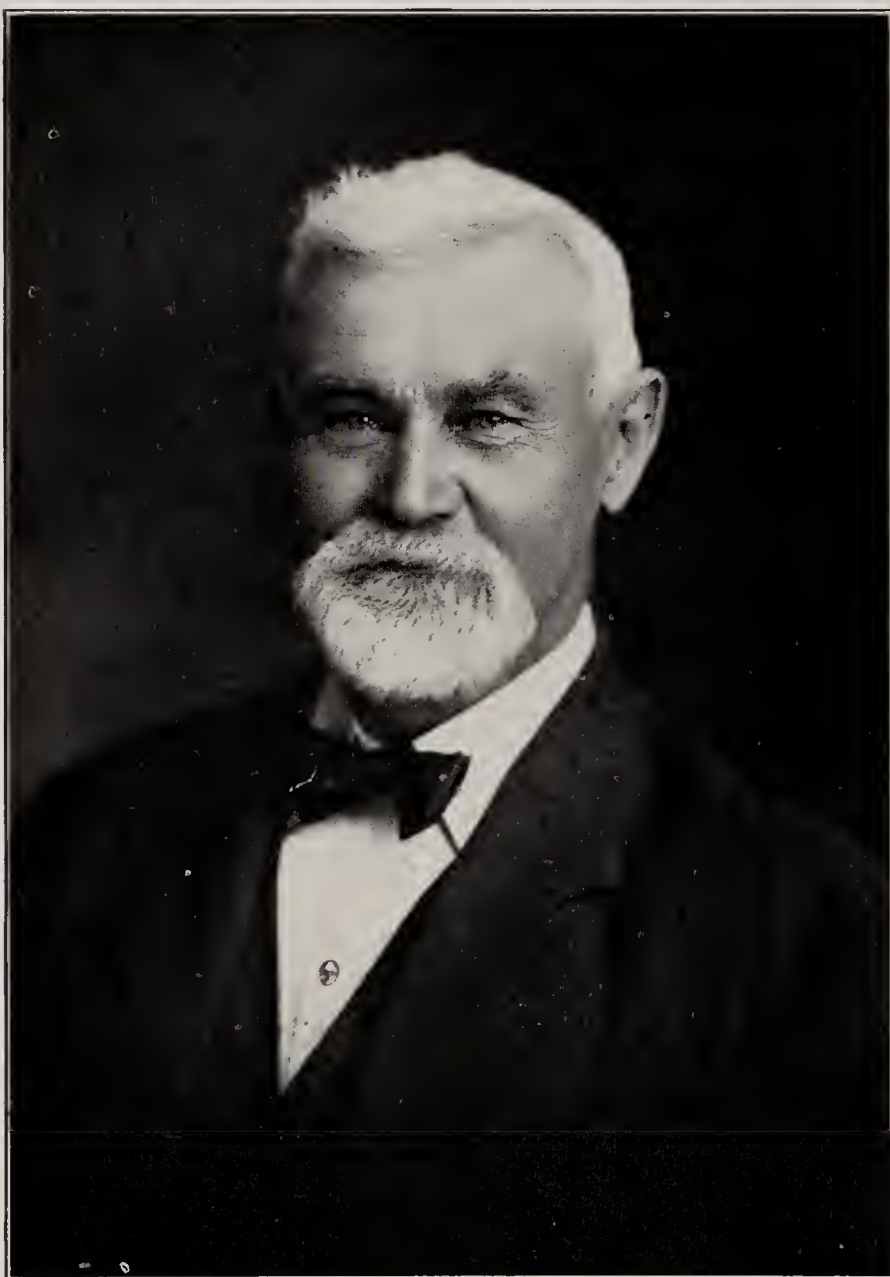
he was nineteen years of age he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-second Illinois Infantry and went to the front for three years. He took part in some of the most notable battles of the war, among them being that of Nashville, and was mustered out at Mobile, Alabama, in August, 1865. After receiving his discharge he returned home and once more resumed the work of the farm, assisting his father in its cultivation until 1867, when he began for himself. In December, 1868, he purchased what has proved to be the nucleus of a fine homestead of two hundred and thirty-three acres, upon which he continues to reside.

In January, 1867, occurred the marriage of Mr. Mansfield and Miss Arena Duggar, a daughter of John H. Duggar, a farmer in this county, who died in August, 1892. To Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield were born ten children: Jesse H., William B., and one who died in infancy; Dora, who married Jesse Hicks, a farmer of this county, by whom she has had four sons: Leonard, Earl, R. Guy and Roy W.; Rose E., who became the wife of James A. Duggar, also a farmer in this county, and they have nine children: Orvil, Daniel, Irvin, David, Alfa, Bassil, Ula, Wayne and one who died in infancy; Alonzo R., who is a farmer in Greene county, married and has one son, Coy H.; Ira A., who is farming in Christian county, married and has four children: Vesper, Troy, Deane and Wayne; James, who is engaged in the oil business in the vicinity of Bakersfield, California, married and has one child, Wayne; Albert E., who was formerly engaged in the undertaking business in Winchester, living at home; and Alvin B., the youngest member of the family, who has never married and continues to live at home.

Mr. Mansfield is a Baptist and fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of Nortonville Lodge, No. 947, A. F. & A. M., and both he and his wife are affiliated with the Order of Rebeka, belonging to Nortonville Lodge, No. 25. His political allegiance he accords to the democratic party, and has served both as a road commissioner and school director. Mr. Mansfield is known as one of the substantial agriculturists of the county, the unremitting energy and application of former years having brought him a measure of success that now enables him to live in retirement.

ADAM DEAHL.

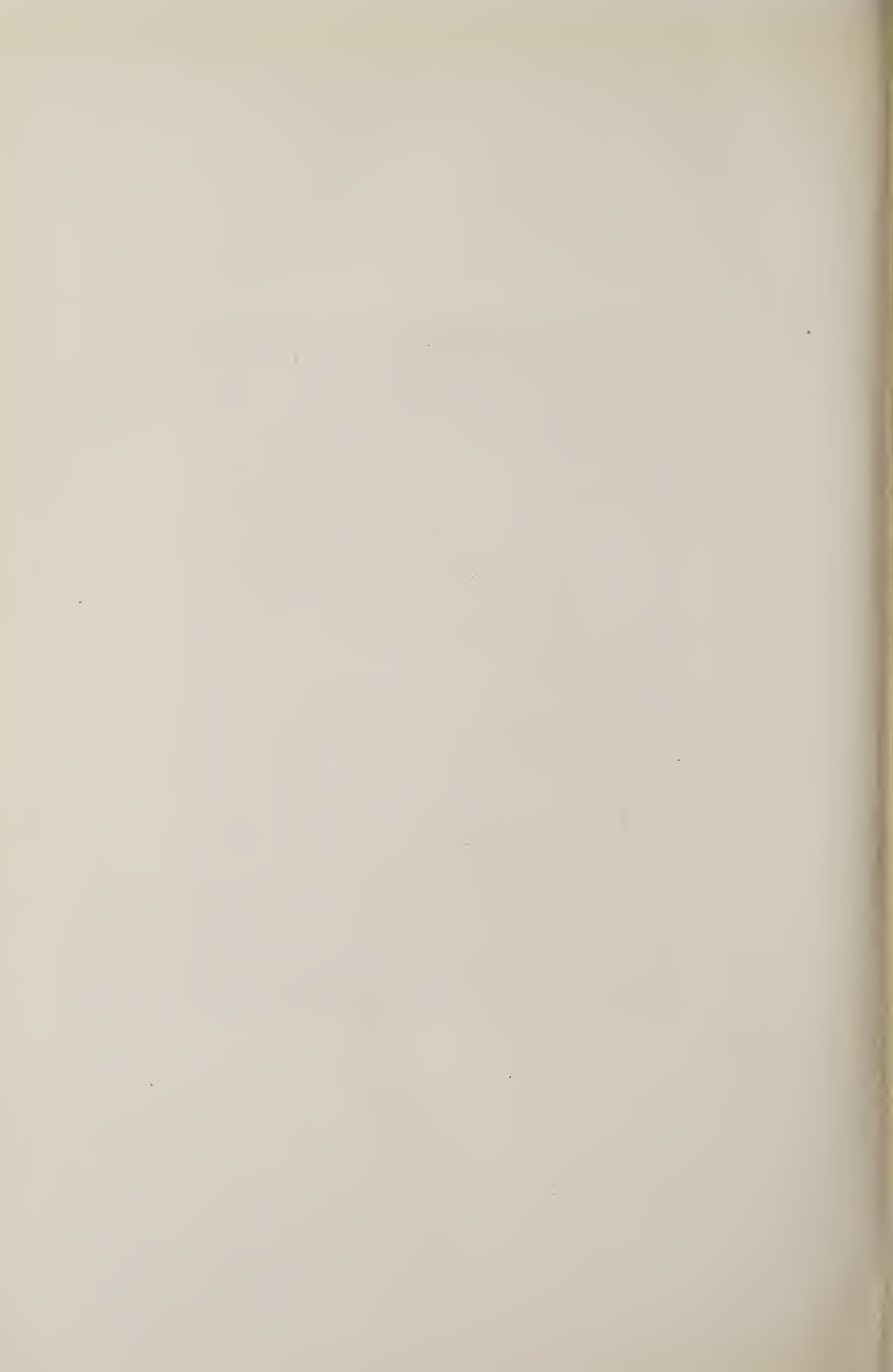
Adam Deahl, a prominent citizen of Macoupin county, who for several years past has been living retired at Shipman, was born in Allegany county, now Garrett county, Maryland, March 18, 1840. He is a son of Andrew and Matilda (Shultz) Deahl, the former of whom was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, near Frankfurt, Germany, in 1809, and the latter in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, March 16, 1820. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Baulshar Deahl who was born in Hesse-Darmstadt about 1764 and was the father of six children, namely: Henry and Conrad, both of whom died in Germany; Baulshar, who came to America and settled in Maryland where his death occurred; Elizabeth, who mar-



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ried John Stein, of Hickman, Lancaster county, Nebraska, and is now deceased; Andrew; and Catharine, who became the wife of John Steivnagel, of Garrett county, Maryland, and is now deceased. Henry and Conrad were soldiers under Napoleon Bonaparte and died after returning home, from the effects of the hardships which they underwent in the Napoleonic campaigns.

Andrew Deahl, father of our subject, received his early education in the public schools of Germany and at the age of twenty-six years came to America, landing at Baltimore, Maryland. In 1833 he went to Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and worked on a farm near Pocahontas. Later he removed to Allegany county, Maryland, and assisted Adam Shultz in completing a contract which Mr. Shultz had taken for constructing a section of the National turnpike between Baltimore and Wheeling. After the completion of the work, in 1835, Mr. Deahl was married to Matilda Shultz, a daughter of his employer, and bought some timber land in Allegany county. He cleared away the timber and made his home there until 1865 when he came west with his children and their families and settled at Shipman, Illinois. He purchased land which he cultivated for a time but in 1879 disposed of his farm and moved to Lancaster, Nebraska, purchasing a section of land near Hickman. After a few years he retired, dying at an advanced age in 1886. Thirteen children were born to Andrew and Matilda Deahl, as follows: Elizabeth, the widow of Casper Martin, of Hickman, Nebraska; Adam, of this review; Katharine, who became the wife of John Martin, of Hickman, and is now deceased; Henry, who makes his home at St. Louis, Missouri; Sarah, the wife of Ferdinand R. Kahl, of Shipman, Illinois; Mary, who married Thomas Hillier, of Hickman, Nebraska; Huldah, who became the wife of Silas Webster, of Shipman, Illinois, and is now deceased; Sevilla, who died at the age of six years; John A., a resident of Caldwell, Kansas; Emma Jane, who passed away at the age of four years; George W., who lives in Salt Lake City, Utah; Chauncey F., of Lincoln, Nebraska; and Nancy Matilda, who died in infancy.

Adam Deahl received his early education in the public schools of Maryland and assisted his father upon the home farm until twenty-one years of age. He then began renting land upon his own account and so continued until 1865, when he came to Shipman, Illinois, to look over the country. In the fall of the same year he moved his family to Shipman and engaged in contracting and building, having learned the carpenter's trade in the east before coming to Illinois. He erected a number of substantial structures in Shipman and vicinity, among which may be named the Evangelical Lutheran church of Shipman. In 1876 he bought one hundred and twenty acres of land of his father and took up his residence on his farm but did not discontinue his contracting business entirely until 1891. In 1885 he purchased a second tract of one hundred and twenty acres and in the year following acquired one hundred and twenty acres additional, the last two purchases being on sections 22 and 14, Shipman township. He still owns his farm of three hundred and sixty acres. He erected new buildings and commodious barns and granaries, making his place one of the best equipped farming establishments in Macoupin county. He engaged quite extensively in the dairy business and maintained fifty head of Shorthorn cows, being one of the largest dairymen in this section. In 1906 he retired from active labor and moved to Shipman where he built a beautiful modern residence of thirteen rooms which

stands in an entire block of ground. About fourteen years ago he assisted in organizing the Shipman Banking Company and is now serving as vice president of that institution.

On May 19, 1861, Mr. Deahl was married to Miss Elizabeth Simon, who was born in Allegany county, Maryland, April 25, 1845, a daughter of John and Katharine (Peck) Simon. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Deahl was George Simon, who was born in Frankfort, Germany. He was a member of a distinguished family of landowners, his wife, Elizabeth Ringer, of Frankfort, also belonging to a family of large landowners. Mr. Simon came to America with his wife and four children and settled at Accident, Allegany county, Maryland, in 1831. They were the parents of six children: John, the father of Mrs. Deahl; Carolina, who became the wife of Balsar Fultz, of Iowa, and is now deceased; Katharine, who married John Georg of Accident, Maryland, and is now deceased; Theodore, who lived in Garrett county, Maryland, and is also deceased; Mary, the wife of Samuel Rodemer, of West Salisbury, Somerset county, Pennsylvania; and Huldah, who married Samuel McCrorey, of New York city.

John Simon, the father of Mrs. Deahl, was born in 1825 and was reared on his father's farm. In 1866 he came west with his family and located one and one-half miles north of Farmersville, Montgomery county, Illinois, where he continued during the remainder of his life. The maiden name of his wife was Katharine Peck, a native of Somerset county, Pennsylvania. Her father, Henry Peck, was of English descent and her mother, Eva Beachley, was of Pennsylvania Dutch parentage. To the union of John and Katharine (Peck) Simon were born eighteen children, namely: Elizabeth, who married Adam Deahl; Joseph, who died in Allegany county, Maryland; Susanna, now the wife of Chris Segrist, of Humboldt, Nebraska; Benjamin, who also died in Allegany county, Maryland; Sarah, who married John Huntley, of Morrisonville, Illinois; Sevilla, the wife of Jacob Neff, of Salina, Kansas; George, who made his home at Farmersville, Illinois, and is now deceased; Louisa, who married Aaron Lentz, of Adrian, Missouri; Henry, of Allegany, Maryland, also deceased; Jonas, who makes his home at East St. Louis, Illinois; Mary, who died at Allegany, Maryland; Catherine, the wife of Samuel Reber, of Lawrence, Nebraska; Huldah, who lived in Allegany county, Maryland, and is now deceased; Julia, now Mrs. Edward Browning, of Waggoner, Illinois; Lucinda, the widow of James Vaughn, of Girard, Illinois; Alice, the widow of John Didlock, of Wyoming; and John and Adam, both of whom died in infancy. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Deahl, one of whom died in infancy. Matilda married Lafayette Clardy, of Katy, Texas. Perry died very early in life. Susan E. married Samuel Schaefer, of Shipman township, and they have six children living, namely, Charles, Seaman, Walter, Emma, Martha and Stella. Andrew also died early in life. Henry C., is in charge of his father's farm, in Shipman township, and a record of his life is given elsewhere in this work. Mary Ellen married William Clower, a farmer of Shipman township, and they have three children, William, Gladys and Ann Ellen. Royal A. married Hattie Gillespie and they have four children, Roberta, Toleda, Lorein and Adam Robert. Virginia died when she was sixteen years of age and Lottie, at the age of one year.

Politically Mr. Deahl, whose name introduces this sketch, has given his adherence to the democratic party ever since he arrived at his majority. He served as school director at Shipman for one term but after that time declined public office. Religiously he has for many years been identified with the Evangelical Lutheran church of Shipman and is one of the councilmen of the church. His success in life is attributable to a capable direction of his business affairs and his sound judgment and close application. No man in the county stands higher in the estimation of friends and acquaintances and few have contributed more materially toward the development of this region. His business integrity has never been questioned and today he enjoys in peace and prosperity the results of his well directed endeavors.

JAMES DAVID STEAD.

Among the successful business men of Macoupin county is James David Stead, proprietor of Stead's Store, of McVey, and also owner of a highly productive farm of one hundred and forty acres in Nilwood township. A man of force and determination of character, he has been successful in his undertakings and is recognized as one of the growing factors of this section. He is a native of Nilwood township, born December 1, 1859, and is a son of David and Mary A. (Boston) Stead, the former of whom was born in England and the latter in Indiana. The grandfather of our subject on the maternal side was Beverly Boston, a native of Virginia.

James D. Stead received his education in the public schools and continued his studies further in the normal school at Valparaiso, Indiana. In 1879, he engaged in farming with his father and two years later began for himself on the home farm. In 1883, he accepted a position as traveling salesman and spent a number of months in Texas, in the course of which he made many observations as to farming and stock-raising that have assisted him very materially in his life work. He returned to Nilwood township, in 1884, and cultivated rented land for three years. He then went to Pana, Illinois, and associated with Jonas D. Stead, as Stead & Stead, in conducting a machine shop and foundry, but after an experience of one year disposed of his interest and returned to Nilwood township, where he resumed farming upon a tract of one hundred and forty acres, which he cultivated diligently to excellent advantage. In 1910 he entered the implement and general merchandise business at McVey, which he is conducting at the present time. He also continues in charge of his farm and is financially interested in a threshing machine. He is a stockholder and director of the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company and the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company.

On the 5th of May, 1881, Mr. Stead was married, at Carlinville, to Miss Mary L. Hamilton, of Missouri, a daughter of A. F. and Mary (Nichols) Hamilton, the former of whom was born in Tennessee and the latter in Kentucky, and a granddaughter of Joshua Hamilton, of Indiana, and Lazarus Nichols, of North Carolina. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stead:

Harry O., of Nilwood township, who married Barsha Coulter and has four children, one son and three daughters; Verner G., also of Nilwood township, who married Jennie Wright; and Irene, who became the wife of R. C. Coulter, of Nilwood township, and has two children, one son and one daughter.

Mr. Stead is a strong advocate of the republican party and served as collector, in 1907, and as supervisor when the agreement was reached for the discharge of the debt of the township. He takes special interest in the education and training of the young. For fifteen years he has been a member of the school board. He also holds membership in the Illinois Bankers Insurance Company, McVey Lodge, No. 3065, M. W. A., and the Anti-Horse Thief Association, No. 94, being a constable in the latter organization. Active and energetic in the discharge of all his duties, public and private, he has gained general recognition for efficiency and promptness and is regarded with highest respect by all with whom he comes into contact.

GEORGE KLAUS.

A well cultivated farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Nilwood township is evidence of the business ability of George Klaus. He is a native of Nilwood and can claim descent from good Teutonic ancestry. Born December 16, 1860, he is a son of George and Theresa (Netz) Klaus, both of whom were natives of Alsace-Lorraine, Germany. They came to America and located in Nilwood township, Macoupin county, Illinois, where the father engaged successfully in farming, becoming one of the well known and respected men of the community. He died in 1884, when the subject of this review was about twenty-four years of age.

George Klaus attended the public schools and, as he grew to maturity assisted his father in work upon the home farm. After the death of the head of the family, he cultivated the farm for his mother, continuing in charge of the work until 1891. He then commenced farming on his own account on an eighty-acre tract, located about half a mile east of Nilwood. He prospered in his business and, in 1898, purchased one hundred and twenty acres of good land three miles southeast of Nilwood where he established his home. He is active, industrious and enterprising and the abundant crops gathered from the fields each year are evidences of his skill. He also raises stock for the market, thus increasing his income. In addition to his investment in his farm, he is a stockholder of the Nilwood State Bank, which is one of the flourishing financial institutions of this section.

On the 22d of February, 1891, Mr. Klaus was married in Nilwood township to Lena Behme, a native of Brushy Mound township and a daughter of Julius and Sophia (Blothe) Behme, both of whom were born in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Klaus are the parents of seven children, namely: Otto L., Ivan O., Elmer G., Harry E., Charles J., Louis H. and Ima S., all of whom are living at home. The eldest son, Otto L., is one of the promising young men of Macoupin county and is now serving as assistant cashier of the Nilwood State

Bank. Mr. Klaus and his wife have given their children excellent advantages of education and have set them an example of industry and persistence that cannot fail to have a lasting influence upon their lives.

Politically, Mr. Klaus is an adherent of the republican party and is an earnest advocate of its principles, believing that they are of great importance in the advancement of the welfare of the country. He has served faithfully for twelve years as a member of the school board, but has never sought any political office as his interest centers in his family and his farm. He has acquired a highly creditable reputation as an energetic and trustworthy citizen who is generous and upright in his dealings with others and aims to perform his duty in everything he undertakes. Fraternally he is a valued member of the Court of Honor, of Nilwood.

AUGUST ZELMER.

August Zelmer, who is one of the most extensive feeders in Macoupin county, owns a fine farm of two hundred acres in North Palmyra township, that he has been cultivating for twenty-four years. He was born in Wisconsin, his natal day having been the 15th of October, 1855. Frederick Zelmer, the father, was born and reared in Prussia, Germany, whence he emigrated to the United States in 1852, locating in St. Louis. After a brief residence in that city he went to Wisconsin, where he spent three years, during which time he met Miss Annette Haupt, also a native of Germany, to whom he was married in 1854. They began their domestic life on a farm in Wisconsin, but later came to Macoupin county and purchased one hundred and fifty-three acres of land in North Palmyra township. Mr. Zelmer engaged in the cultivation of his homestead until his death in 1889, at the age of sixty-six years. He was survived for twenty years by his wife who passed away when she was seventy-one. Mr. and Mrs. Zelmer were the parents of eleven children, of whom the son August is the eldest.

Being the eldest of a large family the educational advantages of August Zelmer were somewhat limited and confined to the brief winter sessions of the district schools in the vicinity of his home. From his earliest boyhood he assisted his father in the work on the farm, remaining under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He then began to set out for himself and for four years thereafter worked by the month as a farm hand. During that time he managed to acquire sufficient means to enable him to begin his career as an agriculturist, so he rented a farm that he operated until 1887. Unceasing industry, thrift and capable management enabled him to save sufficient to buy his present homestead, which contains two hundred acres of highly cultivated and well improved land that he devotes to general farming. He has always made a specialty of feeding stock for the market, and annually ships from seven to ten carloads of cattle and hogs. Since 1893 he has been giving a great deal of attention to the breeding and raising of Poland China hogs

and Shorthorn cattle, having met with most excellent success in his efforts in this direction.

Mr. Zelmer's plans for a home of his own had their culmination in his marriage on the 20th of January, 1881, to Miss Luthella F. Strate, a daughter of Steven B. and Margaret S. (Davis) Strate, natives of Ohio. The father came to Macoupin county when very young, and here he has resided for over sixty years, his people having settled here when this section of the state was little more than a wilderness. With his wife and family he removed to Iowa where he engaged in farming, the occupation he has always followed, for three years, during which time Mrs. Strate passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Zelmer have been born five children: Bertha E., who married Coy Nevins, a farmer of North Otter township and they have three children: Mildred, Mabel and Eva; Clara L., who became the wife of Edgar Turner, a merchant at Modesto, and they had one child, Marian, who died August 21, 1911; Mamie T., who married Leonard Sullivan, a farmer in North Dakota; the two sons, Steven Harrison and Hurley F. are at home with their parents.

In politics Mr. Zelmer has always been an ardent republican, but his father gave his support to the democratic party. He takes an active interest in township matters and has served as supervisor, school director and assessor. He has met with success in his undertakings, which fact is all the more commendable because it must be attributed to his own efforts solely, and he is now living practically retired, his sons relieving him of much of the care and responsibility of the farm.

JOHN M. SWIFT.

Numbered among the early settlers and prosperous farmers of Macoupin county is John M. Swift, whose residence in this county covers a period of nearly sixty years. He was born in Tennessee on the 13th of May, 1836, being a son of James M. and Sarah (Hodge) Swift, who were natives of the same state. They came to Illinois in 1838, locating in Marion county, where the father engaged in agricultural pursuits until his demise. Mr. and Mrs. Swift were the parents of six children, of whom our subject is the eldest, the others being as follows: Mary Jane and Martha Ann, both of whom are deceased; Letitia, the wife of George Jenkins, of Macoupin county; William, who is deceased; and Ellen, the wife of Sam England, of Macoupin county. Mr. James M. Swift passed away and his widow subsequently married Edward Adcock and removed to Macoupin county, where she reared her family.

John M. Swift, who left his native state when a child of two years, obtained his education in the common schools of Marion county, Illinois, whence he came to Macoupin county at the age of eighteen years. He remained on the farm of his stepfather until he was twenty-one years old, and then took a position in a sawmill, but after operating the mill for twelve years, he again returned to agricultural pursuits. In 1861 he enlisted in Company E of the One Hundred and twenty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry under the com-

mand of Col. Rinaker and went to the front. He was wounded in the battle at Parker's Cross Roads in Tennessee and taken prisoner, but managed to effect his escape the same night. After the close of hostilities he purchased one hundred and twenty-one acres of land on section 29, North Otter township, this county, where he has ever since continuously lived. He has made all of the improvements upon this place, which is now one of the very valuable farms of the community.

Mr. Swift's plans for a home of his own had their culmination in his marriage to Miss Susanna Williams in 1858, and to them four children were born: Mary Elizabeth, the wife of Job Price; Annie, the wife of George Richards; and James W., all residents of this county. John, the youngest member of the family is deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Swift have always given their allegiance to the Baptist church, while his political support he has accorded the men and measures of the democratic party, since age conferred upon him the right of suffrage. He is one of the practical and substantial citizens of his township toward the development and progress of which he has contributed his quota, ever having taken an active interest in promoting the welfare of the community.

WILLIAM DAVID JOHNSTON.

William David Johnston, who for the past eight years has been city clerk of Carlinville, was born in Polk township, Macoupin county, Illinois, on the 20th of May, 1878, and is a son of David R. and Lucy A. (Knowles) Johnston. The father is a native of Kentucky and the mother of Illinois, while the paternal grandfather, Isaac Johnston, was also born in Kentucky; the maternal grandfather, Albert Knowles, came from Ohio.

The boyhood and youth of William David Johnston were spent in the town where he is now residing, and to its public schools he is indebted for his education. He began his career as a wage earner in 1895 when he entered the employment of R. O. Purviance, a commission merchant. In 1898 he entered the law office of Samuel Pitman, where for a time he devoted himself to the mastery of Blackstone. Three years later he went to Alton, Illinois, to work for the Illinois Glass Company, returning later to Carlinville to again read law in the office of Mr. Pitman. In 1903, he was the successful candidate for the office of city clerk, of which he has ever since been the incumbent.

Mr. Johnston was married on the 6th of April, 1907, to Miss Jessie Johnston, a daughter of Francis Newton and Lizzie (Weller) Johnston of Macoupin county, and a granddaughter of John Johnston of Kentucky. Four children have come to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston: Melvin Coy, Thelma Jewell, Lucy Violet and William David.

Fraternally Mr. Johnston is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which organization he holds high rank. He is past chief patriarch, Trumbull Encampment, No. 42, I. O. O. F. and past grand, Carlinville Lodge, No. 107, I. O. O. F. He is also a member of the Rebekahs, being identified with

Carlinsville Lodge, No. 689, I. O. O. F. and the Modern Woodmen of America, Carlinsville Camp, No. 125. In politics he is a republican, while both he and his wife affiliate with the Baptist church, among the members of which they number many friends.

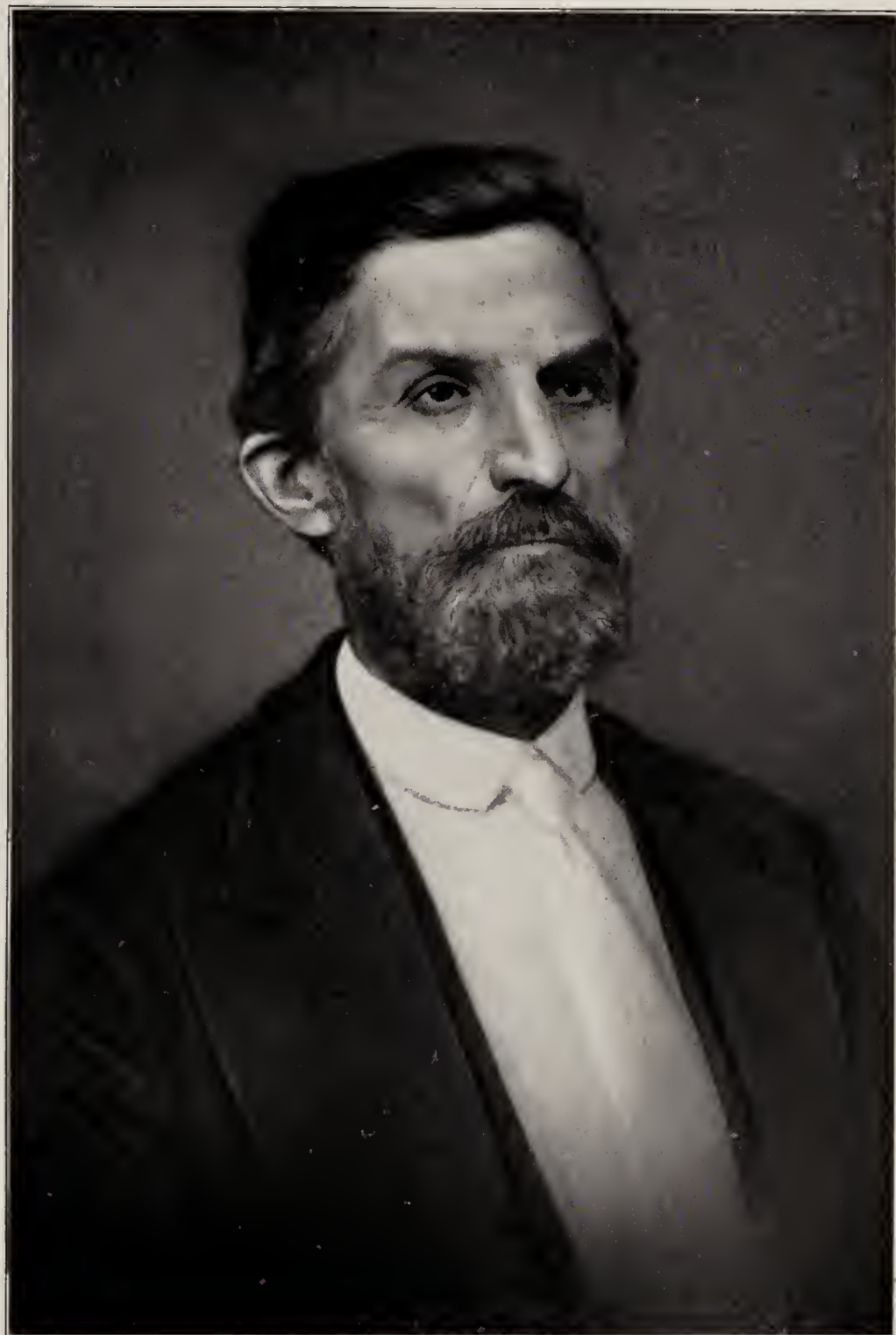
STEPHEN F. HALE, M. D.

A life of usefulness, characterized by an untiring devotion to the relief of the sufferings of others and crowned by a substantial success which had been most honorably and worthily won, was brought to a close in 1901. Dr. Stephen F. Hale was born in St. Francois county, Missouri, on the 18th of March, 1823, a son of Thomas Hale, who was also a native of that locality. The father was a farmer by occupation and was killed on his place during the Civil war.

Dr. Hale, who was one of a family of seven children, pursued his early education in the schools of his native state and after mastering the preparatory courses took up the study of medicine in the McDowell College at St. Louis. He had just completed his professional training when the Mexican war broke out and, being actuated by a spirit of patriotism, he joined the United States forces under General Price. At the close of hostilities he returned to Missouri and took up the practice of medicine in Benton county and there devoted his attention to his professional duties until the outbreak of the Civil war. Again laying aside all personal interests, he joined the Confederate forces with the rank of captain and later was promoted to colonel under his old superior, General Price. At the battle of Wilson's Creek he was wounded, receiving an injury which caused his resignation from the army. Upon again returning to professional life he came to Macoupin county, Illinois, locating at Woodburn, and later he took up his residence in Bunker Hill about the year 1864. Here he established a drug store, which he conducted in connection with his professional duties until feeble health and age required his retirement from active life. He proved himself very successful both in professional and business circles and at his death left to his family a most substantial competence. He passed away in 1901 and his remains were laid to rest in the Bunker Hill cemetery.

In 1852 Dr. Hale was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hill, who was born in London, Laurel county, Kentucky, a daughter of Dr. B. and Sarah P. (Moore) Hill, natives of North Carolina and Virginia respectively. The father, a successful medical practitioner, passed away in 1885. Mrs. Hale was one of a family of two sons and two daughters, her sister, Mrs. A. M. Bennett, being now a resident of San Antonio, Texas. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Hale were born seven children, as follows: James, deceased; Gustavus, at home; Thomas, a lumberman of Prior Creek, Oklahoma; Mamie, who married Ernest Rheinhart, of San Antonio, Texas; Nellie, the wife of P. B. Davis, of St. Louis, Missouri; Stephen A., in the government employ at League Island Barracks, Pennsylvania; and Samuel, who has also passed away.

Dr. Hale was known in fraternal circles of this locality as a member of the Masonic lodge, and in politics gave his support unflinching to the democratic



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party. A man of considerable ability along the line of his profession, he also possessed that keen business sense which is the basis of success in all lines of activity and at the time of his death Bunker Hill lost one of its most substantial and representative citizens whose life had ever been in harmony with high professional ethics and governed by honorable and upright principles. Since his demise his widow has continued to reside in Bunker Hill, where she occupies a beautiful dwelling. She is the owner of heavy real estate in this town and also valuable farm lands in Macoupin county. She occupies a foremost place in the social circles in which she moves, the hospitality of the best homes in the community being extended to her.

REV. WILLIAM D. MARBURGER.

Of those who have recently become citizens of Bunker Hill none is held in higher esteem than the Rev. William D. Marburger, headmaster of Bunker Hill Military Academy. He was born in Hamburg, Pennsylvania, on the 4th of February, 1880, being the only child of M. L. and Lucy A. (Becker) Marburger. The father, who was a merchant, was also a native of Hamburg, of German extraction, his people having come from one of the Rhine provinces. He passed away in 1906, but the mother still survives.

Reared at home William D. Marburger acquired his elementary education in his native town, after which he was sent to private schools in different parts of the state, completing his education in Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of B. A. in 1902. He acquired his master's degree in the same college, after which he pursued a theological course being graduated as a bachelor of divinity in 1908. Immediately thereafter he was made head of an educational institution at Dakota, Illinois. From there he went to Orangeville, Illinois, where he was pastor and principal of a school, and in 1910 he came to Bunker Hill, purchasing the interest of the former superintendent in the military academy. It is his ambition to make of this one of the finest private schools for boys in the United States. He is a man of progressive and high ideals, and it is his purpose to so correlate the mental, moral and physical training of his cadets that they will supplement each other. The motto of the school, "Knowledge is Power," is to find its highest fulfillment in instilling noble purposes and high ideals which can only thrive and develop in a body with every muscle and nerve controlled by a mind whose every thought is directed along clean, pure channels, seeking the good, the noble and true. Mr. Marburger left his own boyhood such a short while ago, that he is able to fully understand and sympathize with those impulses of youth, whose mischievous pranks, oftentimes attributed to viciousness, are the result of superabundant vitality, which if rightly expended would have brought as great satisfaction to the instigator and at the same time have redounded to his benefit. During the brief period of his superintendency Mr. Marburger has given marked evidence of his fitness for the work he has so enthusiastically undertaken. He has made some extensive

changes in the school and has largely added to the attendance. He has purchased for the new management an additional twenty acres of land adjoining the present campus and it is his intention in the near future to erect a fifty thousand dollar building there. The simple, regular, healthful life, government and supervision, together with the high standard of scholarship maintained make it an ideal place to send a youth to during the formative period. It fits him for life, the practical, upright, active life every American citizen is supposed to lead. It exacts courtesy to equals and respect to superiors and elders without subserviency or loss of dignity. The regular life quickly inculcates the fundamental principles of system and a recognition of the value of time; two most essential factors for success in any vocation, commercial or professional.

In 1902 Mr. Marburger was united in marriage to Miss Mary Swords of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and to them there have been born two children, the elder of whom died in infancy; but they have a little son, David, who is now two years of age. Mrs. Marburger is a musician of more than average ability and in this capacity very ably assists in the work of the school.

In matters of religious faith both Mr. Marburger and his wife affiliate with the Reformed Church in the United States, of which organization he is secretary and treasurer in the state of Illinois. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he also belongs to the Post Order Sons of America. His political support he accords to the republican party, to whose principles he is a stanch and enthusiastic adherent. During the period of his residence in Bunker Hill Mr. Marburger has won many friends and both he and Mrs. Marburger are held in high esteem and regard by all with whom they come in contact.

JOHN P. VANDYKE.

John P. Vandyke, one of Macoupin county's citizens who spent three years of his early manhood on the battlefields of the south during the Civil war, was born in the vicinity of Nashville, Tennessee on the 30th of October, 1832. His father was Isaac Vandyke, a native of Smith county, Tennessee, in which state he spent practically his entire life devoting his energies to agricultural pursuits. The mother, prior to her marriage was Eliza Bell Brown, a native of North Carolina, but her domestic life was spent in Tennessee, where she passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Vandyke there were born seven sons and three daughters, two of whom, beside our subject, are living.

The boyhood and youth of John P. Vandyke were spent on a Tennessee farm, in the cultivation of which he assisted while attending the district schools in the acquirement of an education. Spending the first twenty-six years of his life amid the scenes of his childhood, he, in 1858, migrated to Macoupin county, where he was engaged in farming when the Civil war broke out. Ever loyal and patriotic, he readily responded to the call of the nation's chief, and enlisting as a private in Company K, Seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, went to the front where he served for three years. He participated in many notable battles

among them being those of Altoona Pass and Bentonville, while he went with Sherman on his famous march. He was wounded in the head at the battle of Altoona Pass and for a time was a patient in the hospital. During the latter part of his convalescence he assisted there in the capacity of nurse. After receiving his discharge Mr. Vandyke returned to his farm in Macoupin county, where he continued to reside until his retirement. In 1888 he withdrew from active work and coming to Shipman bought a handsome residence, where he continues to live.

At Plainview, Macoupin county, in 1868 Mr. Vandyke was married to Miss Margaret King, a native of this county, her birth occurring on the 29th of September, 1837. On the maternal side she is a descendant of one of the old families of the county, her mother also having been born here. The father was a native of Greene county, Illinois, whence he removed to Macoupin county, where he was subsequently married. He settled upon a farm to the cultivation of which he devoted his energies until his demise. To Mr. and Mrs. Vandyke there have been born two sons and three daughters, all of whom are living, namely: Mattie, the wife of Richard Ham, of Morgan county, Illinois; Effie, who is living at home with her parents; Ida, the wife of Elliot Griffin, of Macoupin county; and Albert and Alfred, twins, the former of Springfield, Illinois, and the latter of Carthage, Missouri. Then there are two grandchildren in the family.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Vandyke are members of the Baptist church, while he maintains relations with his comrades of the war through the medium of his membership in Piasa Post, G. A. R. Mr. Vandyke has the distinction of being one of the few now living who knew the Great Emancipator in those early, struggling days when no one foresaw in him a national figure.

JOSEPH M. LAWRENCE.

The time and attention of Joseph M. Lawrence is devoted to the cultivation of an excellent farm of one hundred and ninety acres in Brushy Mount township, Macoupin county. He is a native of this county, his birth having occurred on the 24th of January, 1864, and a son of James P. and Sarah (Culbertson) Lawrence. The father was born in Yorkshire, England, on the 24th of February, 1836, and there he spent the first sixteen years of his life. At the expiration of that period he emigrated to the United States, locating in Carlinville, where he has ever since continuously resided. He has always engaged in agricultural pursuits, but has been living retired since 1903, he and his wife now making their home in Carlinville. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence numbered six, and in order of birth they are as follows: Emma, the widow of George Walton, a farmer of Brushy Mound township, who continues to live on her farm; William H., and John W., both of whom are deceased; James L., who is engaged in the real-estate business in St. Louis, Missouri; Joseph M., our subject; and Martin P., a farmer and gardener of Phoenix, Arizona. During the childhood of the elder members of the family Mr. Lawrence was managing and living upon

the Sunny Home Stock Farm, located east of Carlinville and the property of C. A. Walker. While residing there his eldest son, William H., who was then about eight years of age, was one day attacked by a buck in the deer park. The child's screams brought his mother and sister Emma to his rescue, but before they reached him his skull had been fractured, both arms broken and his body badly bruised and cut. When the mother tried to shield her child the buck turned on her, but being a resourceful and capable woman, she seized him by the horns, clinging to them with almost superhuman strength until the faithful old shepherd dog "Trip" attacked the infuriated animal and killed it.

Joseph M. Lawrence spent his boyhood and early youth in Bird township, this county, where at that time his father was engaged in farming. In the acquirement of his education he attended the district schools of the vicinity during the brief winter terms, his vacations being devoted to the work of the fields and the care of the stock. He made the most of such educational advantages as were afforded him and applied himself to the thorough mastery of the common branches. With these for a foundation, by careful reading, keen observation and deep thinking, he has become a well informed man. He remained on his father's farm until he had attained his majority, and then began to set out for himself. Having decided upon an agricultural career, for three years thereafter, he farmed as a renter in Brushy Mound and Carlinville townships. At the expiration of that period he removed to Honey Point township and rented for ten years, going from there to Shaws Point, where he rented for seven years and then bought eighty-six acres in that township. He disposed of this land in 1906 and moved to Brushy Mound, where he bought the farm upon which he has ever since continuously resided. This property contains one hundred and ninety acres of land, thirty of this being in natural timber, located on sections 10 and 15. Here he engages in general farming and in connection raises good graded stock. Mr. Lawrence has one of the attractive and valuable properties of the community. His land is thoroughly cultivated, the improvements upon his place substantially constructed, ample provision being made for the protection of stock and farming machinery. The grounds are given careful attention and present a pleasing appearance to the passer-by, while he is most fortunate in having excellent drinking water. Everything about his home suggests thrift and the capable supervision that always bespeaks success.

Mr. Lawrence's plans for a home had their culmination in his marriage on the 24th of January, 1889, to Miss Florence E. Morgan, a daughter of Thomas E. and Harriet (Walton) Morgan. The father was born in Shropshire, England, where he was reared and educated, subsequently learning the carpenter's trade. When he was twenty-one years of age he left his home and emigrated to the United States, locating in Carlinville. Here he met the lady whom he subsequently married. Mrs. Morgan was a native of the state of New York and of English parentage. Up to the time of his marriage he followed his trade, but subsequent to this event he settled on a farm two and a half miles west of Nilwood. He continued to reside there until his death on the 2d of November, 1910. The mother also passed away on the homestead, preceding her husband about in 1895. To Mr. and Mrs. Morgan were born five children: Mary, the widow of John Cain, who is residing in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; William L.,

a farmer living on the old Morgan homestead in South Otter township; Minnie, the wife of Newton Johnson, a farmer of Carlinville township; Thomas E., who is a resident of Nevada; and Florence E., now Mrs. Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence are the parents of six children: Martin S. and Fred J., both of whom are at home; Harry, who passed away in 1909, at the age of fourteen; and Edna May, Glenn O. and T. O. Morgan, all of whom are at home. Three years ago when the youngest son, Glenn O., was out in the pasture looking after the stock he had the misfortune to be shot, presumably by some hunter. Forty-seven shot entered the lad's arm, lung and side, only two of which the physicians were able to find, the other forty-five are still supposedly in his body. The entire affair is a complete mystery to the family, it never having been ascertained who committed the deed, as there were no witnesses to the act.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence and their three youngest children are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Carlinville. Mr. Lawrence is identified fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to the Womac Camp. Politically he has ever been an earnest supporter of the democratic party, and is now serving his second year as commissioner of Brushy Mound township. He also served for one year as collector of the township of Honey Point, while for eleven years he was district school director in both Honey Point and Brushy Mound townships, his service in this capacity still continuing in the latter place. Mr. Lawrence is one of those men whose efforts in anything he may undertake are always so intelligently directed that his work is ever characterized by rare efficiency, this quality in itself invariably being indicative of success in any undertaking. Progressive in his ideas and methods, he is constantly striving to advance his community, and it is very largely due to his efforts that the telephone line was extended from Carlinville to Brushy Mound township. This extension was done in 1909, six miles of Bell Telephone Company wires being strung at that time, and has proven a boon to the entire community.

EDWARD F. NIEMANN.

Edward F. Niemann, of Niemann Bros., one of the leading lumber firms of Macoupin county, is interested in various business activities of Mount Olive. Mr. Niemann is a native of this town, his birth having here occurred on the 6th of March, 1864, his parents being John C. and Anna (Stullken) Niemann. His father was a native of Borgholzhausen, Ravensburg-Halle, Prussia, while the mother was born in Oldenburg, Germany. John C. Niemann was a son of Caspar Niemann, a prosperous farmer of Germany. He was reared in his native land, in whose common schools he pursued his education until it was considered he had sufficient practical knowledge of the common branches to warrant his laying aside his text-books and assuming the heavier responsibilities of life. He then applied himself to agricultural pursuits under the capable direction of his father, thus becoming thoroughly versed in the best methods of preparing the soil and caring for the crops. Being very strongly attracted toward the United States, he in 1839 crossed the Atlantic, landing in Baltimore

with a capital of three dollars and eighty cents. Realizing that he could not long subsist upon his resources, he immediately sought employment, obtaining work at a dollar and a quarter a day on the Chesapeake & Potomac canal, then in course of construction. He subsequently became one of Macoupin county's pioneer settlers, locating at Mount Olive, being the only native born German within a radius of several miles. In 1841 he removed to a farm near Carlinville, remaining there for three years. At the expiration of that period he returned to Mount Olive, continuing to make his home there until his death. He was interested in the town's early business enterprises, in addition to which he was also successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. He passed away on the 9th of September, 1896. Mr. Niemann was married in 1847 to Miss Margaret Stullken, a native of Oldenburg, Germany, who died in September, 1854, leaving three children: Mary, the wife of C. J. Keiser, of Mount Olive; Sophia, who married William Niemeyer, both now being deceased; and Henry, who passed away in 1876. Mr. Niemann married the second time the sister of his first wife, Anna Stullken. By this union were born six children: Mathilda; Lydia; Louisa; Edward F., our subject; William L.; and Anna, all of whom are living. The father and mother took an active and earnest interest in all religious matters, being affiliated with the Lutheran church in the faith of which denomination they reared their family. From the time he acquired citizenship Mr. Niemann gave his support to the republican party, but he was never an office seeker. He was one of the successful citizens of Mount Olive and was held in high respect and esteem by those who knew him.

Reared at home Edward F. Niemann obtained his early education in the public schools of Mount Olive, later pursuing a commercial course in the Bryant & Stratton Business College at St. Louis. After completing his studies he devoted his attention to assisting his father in farming and stock-raising until he had attained his majority. In 1885 he accepted a clerkship in the mercantile house of Keiser, Niemeyer & Company, by whom he was employed for eleven years. At the end of that time he engaged in business for himself becoming associated with his brother William L. in the lumber business under the firm name of Niemann Bros. They carry a very full line of sash, doors, blinds, shingles, lath, hard and soft woods and builders supplies. During the fifteen years they have been engaged in this enterprise they have succeeded in building up an excellent patronage, and today have one of the largest establishments of the kind in the county. The quality and variety of their supplies as well as their high business principles have made the firm one of the well known concerns of this section.

On the 2d of June, 1894, Mr. Niemann was married to Miss Anna Remmert, a daughter of Henry Remmert, now deceased, a well known resident of Mount Olive and a prominent farmer of the township. Mr. and Mrs. Niemann are the parents of three children, Lonieda, Irvin and Vera.

Mr. Niemann has always been a staunch supporter of the republican party, whose principles he deems best adapted to subserve the interests of the majority, but he has never been an office seeker. Both he and his family affiliate with the Lutheran church, in the work of which he, like his father, is one of the earnest and active spirits, at the present time filling the office of elder. Having

met with excellent financial success, in 1909 Mr. Niemann and his brother organized the Niemann Bros. Manufacturing Co., this enterprise being exclusively devoted to the manufacture of poultry supplies. The magnitude of this business has very much increased since its incipency and it is now occupying a building forty-four feet by sixty. Mr. Niemann is one of the progressive and enterprising members of the commercial fraternity of Mount Olive, as well as one of the public-spirited citizens, his efforts ever being directed toward the development and advancement of the community, where he has spent the major portion of his life.

DAVID L. BLEY, M. D.

Dr. David L. Bley, of Staunton, who occupies the front rank in his profession in Macoupin, has been a resident of this county ever since his early boyhood and is one of the honored citizens of this section. His father was a physician and, being reared under highly favorable conditions for a professional career, the son has met with a gratifying measure of success. He is of German and English descent and was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 13, 1853, a son of Dr. George and Elizabeth W. (Lavis) Bley. The grandfather on the paternal side, George Bley, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany. He was one of the few survivors of Napoleon's disastrous campaign to Moscow and spent a number of years in educational work in Germany. He emigrated with his family to the United States and died at Indiana, Pennsylvania, at the advanced age of ninety-two years in 1875. He was the father of six children, Conrad, George, John, Philip, Mrs. Sophia Klump and Mrs. Mary Wallace.

Dr. George Bley, the father of our subject, was born at Dettingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1820, and was eleven years of age when he accompanied his parents to the United States. He attended the public schools of Pennsylvania for several years and at the age of thirteen was bound out to learn the drug business. He proved remarkably bright and capable and as a young man took up the study of medicine and was graduated from the old Philadelphia College of Medicine. He engaged in active practice during the remainder of his life, also being connected with the drug business, and made his home in Staunton, from 1861 with the exception of three years, during which time he engaged in farming in Iowa. He was married to Elizabeth W. Lavis, who was born in Philadelphia, August 17, 1823, a daughter of David and Mary (Wilson) Lavis, the former being a native of Bristol, England, and the latter of New Jersey. Dr. Bley died at Staunton in 1886 and his wife passed away June 10, 1911. Politically he gave his support to the republican party and religiously he was a stanch believer in the doctrines of the Presbyterian church. There were six children in the family of Dr. and Mrs. Bley: Ellen, who is the wife of David C. Wurtz, of Joliet; Elizabeth W., the deceased wife of Thomas Blair, passing away in 1901; George, who lives at Beardstown, Illinois; David L., of this review; Robert E., who is a physician and is now engaged in practice at Bunker Hill; and Mary L., the widow of Dr. C. T. Dripps, of Staunton.

David L. Bley came to Staunton with his parents in 1861 and attended the public schools of this city until fourteen years of age. He then entered his father's drug store and began preparing his medical studies, becoming a student of the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia when he was eighteen years of age. He was graduated from that institution with the degree of M. D. in 1875 and began the practice of his profession at Staunton, Illinois. Two years later he located at Alhambra, this state, but returned to Staunton in 1879. After the death of his father he entered into partnership with his brother Robert E., who in 1888 disposed of his interest in the firm to Dr. C. T. Dripps and removed to Edwardsville, where he practiced for a few months, since which time he has made his home in Bunker Hill. Dr. Bley continued in partnership with Dr. Dripps until the death of the latter in 1902. He was then alone in practice until 1904, when he entered into partnership with Dr. Myron Snell, of Litchfield, Illinois, Dr. Snell remaining with him one year. In 1905 Dr. A. H. Hunter became a member of the firm and together they have since engaged in practice.

Fraternally Dr. Bley is a member of Staunton Lodge, No. 177, A. F. & A. M.; Staunton Chapter, No. 227, R. A. M.; and St. Omar Commandery, No. 30, K. T., of Litchfield. He also holds membership in Staunton Lodge, No. 685, I. O. O. F., and Parnassus Lodge, No. 581, K. P. Politically he adheres to the republican party. He takes the interest of a patriotic citizen in public affairs but his energies are mainly concentrated upon his profession.

DAVID DEEDS.

Although thirty-six years have passed since David Deeds was called to his final rest, he is still remembered by many of the county's older residents as a substantial agriculturist and representative citizen of Bird township, where at one time he owned two hundred and forty acres of land. His birth occurred in Greene county, Illinois, on the 22d of April, 1832, his parents being Philip and Anna (Metcalf) Deeds, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Illinois respectively. The father, a carpenter by trade, was a pioneer settler of Greene county, Illinois, there passing away when about sixty years of age. His wife was called to her final rest when about forty years old. Unto them were born seven children, of whom the only surviving one is Mrs. Eliza Sapp, who makes her home west of Carlinville.

David Deeds was reared in his native county and came to Macoupin county when about twenty-one years of age, turning his attention to general agricultural pursuits in Bird township. He later resided for a few years in Montgomery county but subsequently returned to his farm in Bird township and remained thereon until called to his final rest in 1875. At one time he owned two hundred and forty acres of land in that township, bringing the property under a high state of cultivation and improvement. His widow now owns a tract of one hundred and forty acres in Bird township.

On the 22d of August, 1851, Mr. Deeds was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary A. Bird, who was born near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on the 5th of May, 1833,



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her parents being William and Mary A. (Stuart) Bird, the former a native of Northumberland and the latter of Penrith, England. Emigrating to the United States, they first settled in Pennsylvania. Subsequently they came to Illinois, locating at Columbiana, Greene county, where William Bird died soon afterward, in 1860. The demise of his wife occurred in Montgomery county some years later. Unto them were born twelve children, nine of whom passed away in early childhood. Two still survive, namely: Joseph Bird, an old settler of Macoupin county and a prominent citizen of Carlinville; and Mrs. Mary A. Deeds. The latter became the mother of eleven children, the record of whom is given below. Elra P., now deceased, was an agriculturist by occupation and for many years served as deputy county clerk in Macoupin county. He wedded Miss Viola Arnett, by whom he had two children, Walter T. and Mary. William A., a traveling salesman, makes his home in Manchester, Tennessee. He married Miss Birdie Green and has one child, William. Horace D., who is a trader, resides in Carlinville. George Edgar, who operates a candy factory in St. Louis, wedded Miss Nellie Switzer and has one son, Russell. Anna Belle, living in Granite City, is the wife of E. M. Comer, by whom she has four children: Vina, Belle, Morris and Letha. Mary E. is the widow of Thomas M. Robison, by whom she had a number of children, four of whom still survive, namely: Juanita, Victor Blaine, Clarence and Mary. Joseph B., an implement manufacturer of Nashville, Tennessee, wedded Miss Frances Ferguson, of Mount Vernon, Illinois, by whom he has one son, Edward Allen Deeds. Ernest L., a traveling salesman, resides in Florence, Alabama. Charles F. is a painter and paper hanger by trade and lives with his mother in Carlinville. The other two children of our subject died in early life.

David Deeds gave his political allegiance to the democracy and served as county coroner for two terms but neither sought nor desired office. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Christian church, to which his widow also belongs. The circle of his friends was coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances, for he had no enemies. Mrs. Mary A. Deeds, who resides in Carlinville, is well and favorably known throughout the community, the hospitality of the best homes being cordially extended her.

REV. HENRY JOSEPH HOVEN.

The Rev. Henry Joseph Hoven, the pastor of St. Joseph's parish, was born in Cologne, Germany, in 1835, and is a son of Joseph and Anna Mary (Bollig) Hoven, also natives of Germany.

Reared in his native land, in the acquirement of his classical education Henry Joseph Hoven attended the Gymnasium of his native city. Having elected to enter the church after the completion of his course, he went to Rome, where he pursued philosophical studies. From there he proceeded to Dublin, Ireland, and entered the Missionary College, where he took his theological course, being qualified to enter the priesthood at the age of twenty-six. Having decided to follow his calling in the United States, in 1861 he came to America, being

ordained at Alton, Illinois, by Bishop Juncher, the first bishop of Alton. He was then placed in charge of the parish at Saint Marie, Jasper county, Illinois, where he remained a year. From there he was sent to Marshall, this state, for two years, at the expiration of which period he went to Paris, Illinois. Four years later he was made head of the parish at Carlinville. In 1870 he received instructions to build St. Mary's church, of which he was pastor for eight years, during which time he started St. Joseph's congregation. He then went to Pittsfield, Illinois, removing from there to Pana two years later and in 1881 was transferred to Shelbyville, Illinois. Eleven years were spent in the latter place, following which he was placed in charge of the church at Carrollton, where he remained a similar period, going from there to Morrisonville. At the end of four years he was returned to Carlinville, as head of St. Mary's parish, being transferred to St. Joseph's in 1909.

Father Hoven is Spiritual Director of the Macoupin County Federation of Catholic Societies, also of the Western Catholic Union. He is a man of high ideals, broad and liberal in his views, charitable in his judgments and kindly and helpful in his attitude toward the well-meaning and penitent. His scholarly instincts and finely trained mind draw about him intellectual people, whether Catholics or Protestants, and he is held in high regard by both the laity and clergy of Carlinville.

WILLIAM H. WERSE.

William H. Werse, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Brushy Mound township, was born in Carlinville, Macoupin county, on the 18th of October, 1869. His parents were Daniel and Dorothy (Lance) Werse, the father of German and English extraction and the mother of German. Daniel Werse was born in the fatherland and there his parents died when he was a very small boy. He was taken care of by friends of the family with whom he lived for several years, but in his very early youth he emigrated to the United States, landing in New York city. There he learned the brick mason's trade, remaining a resident of the American metropolis until he was twenty-five years of age. He then came to Carlinville, continuing to follow his trade until his death in 1885. For his wife Mr. Werse chose Mrs. Dorothy (Lance) Hundtmark, the widow of a farmer, and a native of Germany. She is still living and makes her home in one of the oldest houses in Carlinville. To Mr. and Mrs. Werse seven children were born, as follows: William H., our subject; Annie, the wife of Charles Mackler, an automobile dealer of Chicago, Illinois; Minnie, who married William Myers, a blacksmith of Carlinville, Illinois; Pauline, the wife of Robert Moore, superintendent of schools of Macoupin county; Zenie, the wife of John Flynn, who is a painter and paperhanger of St. Louis, Missouri; Theodore, who is a barber of Springfield, Illinois; and Eddie, who died in May 1893, at the age of fifteen years.

William H. Werse was reared in this county and at the usual age entered the public schools, where he mastered the common branches. While still in his early

boyhood he entered the meat market of John Straub, where he worked off and on for five years, attending school in the winter. As he was only sixteen years old at the time of his father's death, and the eldest of the family, much care and responsibility early devolved upon him. He subsequently left the meat market and went to work as a farm hand, following this occupation until he was twenty-three. After his marriage he began farming for himself on the J. G. Custer place, containing eighty-six acres, which he cultivated for six years. At the expiration of that period he was elected highway commissioner and resided in Carlinville during the three years of his term, while for two years thereafter he followed his trade. In 1906 he decided to return to agricultural pursuits and rented Mrs. W. A. Long's farm, containing eighty-four acres in Carlinville township, that he is still operating.

On the 28th of April, 1894, Mr. Werse was joined in wedlock to Miss Cora Greenwood, a daughter of Isaac and Minerva (Barnard) Greenwood. Mrs. Werse was born in Macoupin county, as were also her parents, her father's birth having occurred on a farm west of Plainview. The mother passed away when Mrs. Werse was about a year old, but the father is still living and engages in farming east of Binnell, Illinois. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Werse: Annie, who is fifteen years of age, living at home and attending the Oakwood District School; William, who is a lad of five years; and a baby, not yet named.

In religious matters Mr. Werse affiliates with the German Lutheran church and his wife with the Baptist. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America of Carlinville, and Mrs. Werse with the Royal Neighbors, the ladies auxiliary of the same organization. Political matters have always engaged the attention of Mr. Werse more or less, his support being given to the republican party. He is now serving his second term as school director in district No. 74 of Brushy Mound township, and he is also acting as senate committeeman from his township, while for three years he was commissioner of highways for Carlinville. Success is attending the efforts of Mr. Werse who, in connection with general farming, raises a good grade of stock and also feeds cattle and hogs for the market.

WILLIAM A. BRITTIN, M. D.

Dr. William A. Brittin, of Virden, is a native of Illinois and was born on a farm near Springfield, Sangamon county, January 19, 1866. He has been in the practice sixteen years and his success in a profession which calls for the best ability and the clearest judgment is evidence that he made no mistake in the selection of a life pursuit. He is a son of Henry and Nancy (Mallory) Brittin, also natives of Sangamon county, where they spent their entire lives. The father died in 1900 and the mother was called away at the age of sixty-three years, in 1902. There were eight children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Brittin, namely: John E., a resident of Cantrall, Illinois; H. E., who makes his home in Springfield; Dr. A. L., a practicing physician of Athens, Illinois; Roger E., of

Arkansas City, Kansas; Dr. E. H., who is engaged in practice at Auburn, Illinois; William A., of this review; Emma, who is the widow of William Waldron, of Athens, Illinois; and Walter, who is deceased.

Dr. Brittin spent the years of his boyhood and youth on his father's farm and early became imbued with the desire to perform his part as a member of the great brotherhood of man and to gain recognized standing in the world. After securing his preliminary educational training he entered Brooks' Institute at Springfield, where he was graduated in 1888. He then attended the Chicago Medical College for two years and subsequently entered the Marion Sims Medical College of St. Louis, Missouri, graduating from the latter institution with the degree of M. D. in 1895. After receiving his diploma he went to Morrisonville, Illinois, where he practiced two years and then took up his residence at Auburn, in which place he continued until 1907. For four years past he has been located at Virden and is accorded a prominent position in medical circles of this region. He is a man of scholarly attainments and as he possesses sound judgment and well developed faculties of discrimination as to the nature of diseases and the best methods of treatment he has met with gratifying success.

On the 6th of November, 1889, Dr. Brittin was married to Miss Emma M. Constant, of Buffalo Hart, Illinois. To this union three children have been born: Margery J., who died in infancy; Hattie E., at home; and William A., Jr. The mother of these children was called away in 1888 and Dr. Brittin was married in 1901 to Miss Anna H. Painter, of Streator, Illinois.

Politically, Dr. Brittin is an adherent of the republican party, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him as his interest is concentrated upon the duties and responsibilities of his profession. He is well known in fraternal circles and holds membership in the Masonic Order, the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Red Men. He is a firm believer in the authority of the Bible and is a consistent member of the Christian church. A constant student and a close observer, Dr. Brittin has steadily progressed in knowledge of the healing art and is recognized as one of the skilled physicians of Macoupin county. The high position he occupies is the direct result of his earnest attention to a profession for which he is eminently fitted by natural talents and by training.

AUGUST HACKE.

One of the many German citizens of Macoupin county who has met with notable success in his agricultural pursuits is August Hacke, of Brushy Mound township. His birth occurred in Brunswick, Germany, on the 9th of October, 1841, and he is a son of Hartwig and Augusta (Burgdorff) Hacke. The father was born and reared in Brunswick and served for three years in the army of that duchy. The mother was a native of Hanover. The paternal grandfather, Henry Hacke, was born in Brunswick in 1800 and there he followed the cabinet-maker's trade until his demise at the age of sixty-four years. Hartwig Hacke emigrated in 1852 with his family to the United States, landing in New Orleans on the 26th

of December. They moved northward to St. Louis and on the 15th of January, 1853, located on a farm in Macoupin county, that now constitutes the north portion of the city of Carlinville. Here the father, who was also a cabinet-maker, passed away in 1857. To Mr. and Mrs. Hartwig Hacke were born five children, of whom our subject is the eldest and the only one now living. The others were Henry, Harmon, Gustave and Henrietta. The last named died in infancy.

The first eleven years in the life of August Hacke were spent in Germany where he began his education. He supplemented the same by further study in the schools of Carlinville after settling here, but much of his time was given to assisting his father with the work of the farm. After the latter's death he remained with his mother, devoting his energies to the cultivation of the home farm until the breaking out of the Civil war. When the call for troops came he responded by enlisting on the 9th of August, 1862, and went to the front from Carlinville with Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under General John I. Rinaker. He saw considerable active service and participated in the battles of Parker's Crossroads, Tupelo and Nashville, in addition to which he was in a number of minor engagements and several sharp skirmishes. He was mustered out on the 14th of July, 1865, having been in the service for two years and eleven months. Returning home he resumed his duties as a private citizen and again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits on the old homestead. He remained there until 1871, when he bought one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 20, Brushy Mound township, where he resided until he built his present residence, also on section 20, and removed to the farm where he is now living in 1905. Possessing unrelenting energy, perseverance and the thrift that usually characterizes the Teutonic races Mr. Hacke has met with most gratifying success in his endeavors. He has invested his money largely in real estate until he now owns seven hundred and fifty-five acres of land on sections 17, 19, 20, 28 and 29 of Brushy Mound township. He retired from active work four years ago and now rents his farms to his sons.

On the 26th of May, 1866, Mr. Hacke was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Drews, a daughter of John and Rebecca (Jaeger) Drews, both of whom spent their entire lives in Germany. Mrs. Hacke emigrated to the United States in 1866, in April of which year she located southeast of Carlinville, where she has ever since lived. To Mr. and Mrs. Hacke there have been born eleven children, as follows: Edward, who is deceased; Almelia, the wife of C. M. Rhodes, Jr., a farmer of Brushy Mound township; William, also a farmer of this township, who married Matilda Bhen, a native of Macoupin county, having been reared in Brushy Mound township; Adolph, a farmer of Carlinville township, who married Anabel Schaefer, also of Carlinville; an infant who died at the age of three days; Charley, a farmer of Brushy Mound township, who married Mary Griffiths, of the same township; Fred, residing on the old homestead, whose wife was Della Killam, of Brushy Mound township; Bertha, who is unmarried and living at home; Arthur, a farmer of Brushy Mound township, who married Etta Rhodes, of Polk township; Harrison, who died at the age of five months; and Theodore, who is living at home with his parents.

Mr. Hacke is a republican in politics and has always taken an active and helpful interest in all township affairs. He served for twenty-two years as supervisor

of Brushy Mound township and for the past ten years he has been discharging the duties of justice of the peace. He is a respected member of Dan Messick Post, No. 339, G. A. R., of Carlinville, in which organization he has served as senior vice-commander and commander, and is now chaplain of the post. Despite the exactions of his extensive personal interests he is one of the men who always finds time to fulfill his duties as a public citizen. He takes an active interest in all affairs of the community, the development of which he strives to advance along the best lines and in accordance with the highest ideals.

JAMES F. HARKINS.

James F. Harkins, business manager of The Macoupin County Enquirer, was born in Carlinville, this county, on the 16th of July, 1869, and is a son of John and Bessie (Kelly) Harkins, natives of Letrim, Ireland. They are the parents of seven children, as follows: J. P., who is now located at East St. Louis, a priest in the Roman Catholic church; Mary, who is deceased; Bridget, the wife of John Curvin, of Carlinville; James F., our subject; Anna, the wife of Maurice Burke, of East St. Louis; Elizabeth, who is deceased; and Charles, who is living in East St. Louis. The father was a quarry man in Ireland whence he emigrated with his wife and two eldest children in 1862. Upon their arrival in this country they located in Carlinville, where for some time he continued to follow his trade, but at the time of his death he was superintendent of streets. His demise occurred in 1887 at the age of forty-nine, his wife, however, was sixty-three at the time of her death on the 2d of March, 1899. They were both communicants of the Roman Catholic church, in the faith of which they passed away. Of the paternal grandfather little is known save that he spent his entire life in the Emerald isle and had two children, both of whom are now deceased. Patrick Kelly, the maternal grandfather, after the death of his wife came to the United States and lived with his daughter, Mrs. Harkins, in Carlinville until he died in July, 1882, at the venerable age of eighty-three years.

Macoupin county has always been the home of James F. Harkins, who obtained his education in the parochial and public schools of Carlinville. After laying aside his studies he followed various occupations in town during the winter, while in summers he worked for the farmers, until January, 1888, when he entered The Enquirer office to learn the printer's trade. He was advanced from time to time in accordance with his ability until he became business manager, which position he still retains. He has been employed in this office ever since learning the trade with the exception of four years when he was city clerk.

On the 25th of October, 1897, Mr. Harkins married Miss Catharine M. Sweeney, a daughter of Patrick and Ann (Castello) Sweeney. Mrs. Harkins was born in Ballycallon, County Kilkenny, Ireland, where the mother still resides, but the father is deceased. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Harkins

five children have been born: Elizabeth, Catharine; John, Ellen and Thomas James.

The family all attend the services of the Roman Catholic church, of which both Mr. and Mrs. Harkins are communicants. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. His political allegiance Mr. Harkins gives to the democratic party. Besides having served as city clerk he was a member of the council for four years and at the present time he is city oil inspector.

J. A. WALLACE.

Macoupin county can claim many energetic and successful citizens who have contributed their share toward the public weal and may be depended upon in every emergency to sustain the cause that is right and just. Among this number may be named J. A. Wallace, who for more than forty years has made his home in North Otter township and has demonstrated his worth and ability as one of the respected members of the community. He was born at Littleton, New Hampshire, November 8, 1835, a son of Amos and Mary (Hildreth) Wallace, both of whom were natives of the Granite state. The father devoted his entire life to farming and lived to be eighty-four years old, the mother passing away at the age of fifty-eight. In their family were eleven children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being James, Abigail, Mary, Elvira, Amos P., Cordelia, Andrew, Berenice and J. A.

In a peaceful New England home J. A. Wallace grew to maturity, securing in the public schools the advantages of an education. He began working for himself at the age of twenty-one when he engaged in cutting and hauling timber from the forest. He next became identified with farming and about 1857, believing from what he had heard and read that Illinois presented favorable opportunities for a young man desirous of advancing in life, he came to Macoupin county where he found employment upon a farm. He spent a year and a half in Sangamon county and in 1864, having secured the necessary capital, he purchased his present home. He has since sold some of his land to his children, but still retains one hundred and twenty-eight acres, located on sections 24 and 36, North Otter township. He has made all the improvements upon the place, including the erection of buildings and fences, the putting in of tiling and the setting out of fruit and ornamental trees, and is the owner of a home of which any man might justly be proud. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and so conducts his business as to produce a handsome annual revenue.

On October 3, 1861, Mr. Wallace was married to Miss Mary Smith, a daughter of Elisha and Susan (Eaves) Smith, the former of whom was born in Tennessee and the latter in Illinois. In their family were fourteen children, ten of whom are now living, namely: James, Elizabeth, Mary, Ella, Fannie, Metta, Allie, Laura, Nola and William. To Mr. and Mrs. Wallace eight children have been born, five of whom died in infancy. The others are as follows: William A., who makes his home in Virden, married Mary Kable and they

have two daughters, Mabel and Edith. Jesse E., a resident of Macoupin county, married Mertie Chaffin, who died September 14, 1898, leaving four children: Harry H. and Eva M., both of whom are married; Fern; and Ruth. For his second wife Jesse E. Wallace married Martha Weaver, by whom he also has four children, Walter, Lola, Bernice and Marie. Glenna W. is the wife of Fred Meyers, of Springfield, Illinois, by whom she had two children: Hazel, born December 16, 1910; and one who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace celebrated their golden wedding on the 3d of October, 1911, at which time seventy-eight guests were present and left many gifts as tokens of love and esteem.

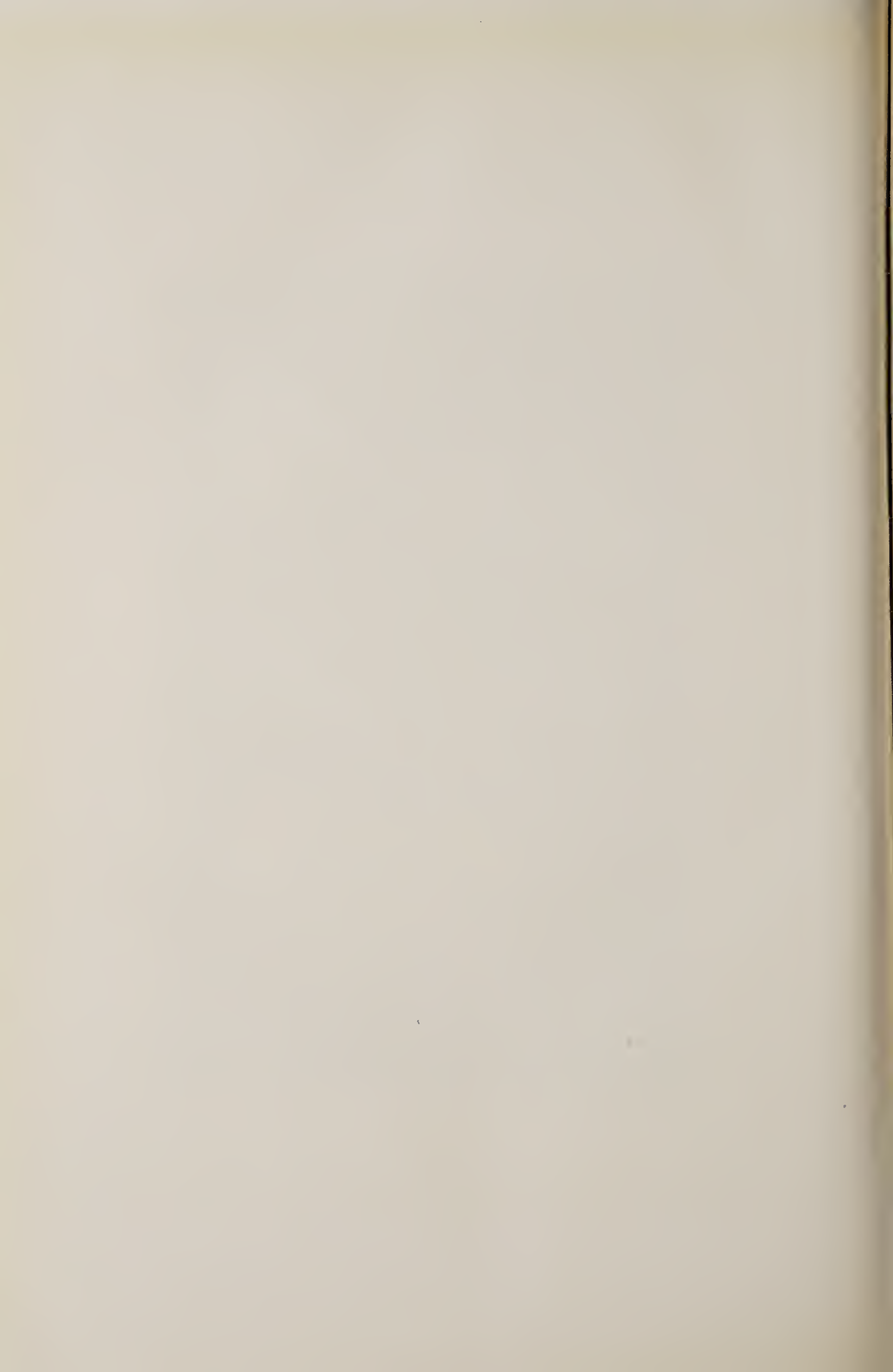
Fraternally Mr. Wallace has long been identified with the Odd Fellows, having been made a member of the order fifty-three years ago. His life has been in an important degree shaped by its beneficent and kindly teachings. Religiously he is in hearty sympathy with the Methodist church, of which he is a valued member. He has served as a member of the board of county supervisors for three years and as school director twenty-two years. In his business dealings he is known as one who under all circumstances aims to be just and fair, thus meriting the high esteem in which he is held by his friends and acquaintances.

ANDREW J. KEISER.

Andrew J. Keiser, one of the prosperous and progressive citizens of Macoupin county, is successfully identified with business interests as the secretary and treasurer of the firm of Keiser Brothers, proprietors of the Anchor Rolling Mills at Mount Olive. His birth occurred in Prussia, Germany, on the 28th of September, 1845, his parents being John J. and Geske (Heien) Keiser, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of C. J. Keiser, a brother of our subject. In 1854 our subject accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, the family home being established in Macoupin county, Illinois, where he acquired a good education in private and public schools. In 1869 he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, coming into possession of a tract of one hundred and eighty acres of valuable land, to the development of which he gave his undivided attention for several years. This farm is situated just across the line in Montgomery county. In 1875 Mr. Keiser purchased an additional tract of two hundred acres adjoining his first farm, bringing the property under a high state of cultivation and improvement. The farm early became known as one of the most valuable and best improved in the community, the various buildings thereon being both modern and substantial. In 1874 Mr. Keiser became associated with his brother, C. J. Keiser, and others in opening and operating mines under the firm style of the Mount Olive Coal Company. The brothers had personal control of the mines and took out some sixty car loads of coal daily. The property was later voted to be transferred to the Consolidated Coal Company of St. Louis, under whom, with broader facilities, the output was increased two or



MR. AND MRS. A. J. KEISER



threefold. These mines are said to be among the best in the state. For the past three decades Mr. Keiser has been associated with the Anchor Rolling Mills, acting as the secretary, treasurer and business manager of the concern. The mills are among the largest in this section of the country and the business has reached extensive and profitable proportions, being both domestic and foreign. The elevator which is conducted in connection with the mills has a capacity of twenty-five thousand bushels. Mr. Keiser possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution, and his close application to business and his excellent management have brought to him the high degree of prosperity which is today his.

Mr. Keiser has been married twice. In 1869 he wedded Miss Anna Ross, a daughter of Gerd and Mareke (Arkebauer) Ross, natives of Germany, who emigrated to the United States in early life. Their union was blessed with three children, namely: Mary and John, both of whom are deceased; and Anna G. The wife and mother passed away in 1875 and in 1876 Mr. Keiser was again married, his second union being with Miss Frances L. Ross, a sister of his first wife and a native of Alton, Illinois. Four of the nine children born to them died in infancy. The others are John G., Herman A., Andrew J. F., Ida and Edna.

Mr. Keiser is a republican and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have chosen him to serve in a number of local offices. He has discharged his duties with marked ability and fairness, for he is a most loyal, public-spirited citizen. As a business man he has been conspicuous among his associates, not only for his success, but for his probity, fairness and honorable methods. In everything he has been eminently practical and this has been manifest not only in his business undertakings but also in social and private life. In religious faith he is a Lutheran and his wife and children likewise belong to the church of that denomination.

CHARLES WARREN BLACK.

One of the most carefully kept and well cultivated farms in Shipman township is that of Charles Warren Black, who in addition to his agricultural pursuits is discharging the duties of a railway postal clerk, having been in the government service for thirteen years. He was born in the vicinity of Medora, Macoupin county, on the 16th of October, 1864. He is a son of one of the successful agriculturists of this county, the late Charles Black, who was born in Circleville, Ohio, on the 3d of April, 1838. One of five children when still a young lad, Charles Black became self-supporting. Leaving home, he went to Sedalia, Missouri, where he resided until 1860, when he came to Illinois, locating in Greene county. There he met Miss Martha J. Baldwin, to whom he was married on the 16th day of August, 1863. She was a native of Ohio, her natal day having been the 3d of April, 1839, and a daughter of Benjamin and Martha (Varner) Baldwin. In the paternal line she was of English extraction, the Baldwins having come from the mother country to Virginia during the colonial days. They were always numbered among those loyal settlers who struggled for the advancement

of the colonies and sought freedom from the yoke of Great Britain, a great-great-uncle of our subject having fought in the War for Independence. During his early manhood Benjamin Baldwin removed from his native state to Ohio, locating in the vicinity of Osceola prior to the war of 1812. There he engaged in farming until the second war with Great Britain broke out, when he enlisted and hurried to the front, serving during the entire period of hostilities. When peace was restored he returned to Ohio and became one of the influential and prominent men of his community, having been elected to represent his district in the state legislature on three different occasions. He continued to make his home in the Buckeye state until 1852, when with his wife and eleven children he came to Illinois, settling in Greene county. There as elsewhere Benjamin Baldwin soon became a leader in the community, possessing the power, determination and independence of thought and action as well as indifference to public opinion that ever characterize the men of strength and ability. Capable men were needed in the legislature in those terrible days before the war and naturally Benjamin Baldwin was elected to represent his district. The later years of his life were spent in retirement at Whitehall, in the vicinity of which his farm was located, and there he passed away in 1866. In the management of his own affairs he had displayed the same ability and executive skill as had marked his public service and at the time of his demise he owned two thousand acres of land. A tactician of more than average ability, he was a general in the Ohio militia during his residence in that state in the '40s, there as elsewhere his personality compelling recognition of his powers. He was one of those who stamp their impress so strongly upon the community where they live, that they are never forgotten; their influence being too far-reaching to pass away with the physical man.

Very soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Charles Black removed to Macoupin county, locating on a farm on section 17 of Shipman township, and there Mrs. Black passed away on the 1st of September, 1899, but her husband survived until the 12th of March, 1908, his demise occurring at the age of sixty-nine years. To them were born two children: Charles Warren, the subject of this sketch; and Eva A., the wife of Charles A. Andrews, of Shipman township.

Charles Warren was reared to manhood on his father's farm and attended the public schools in the vicinity in the acquirement of his education. After the completion of the course he entered Brown's Business College at Jacksonville, where he obtained a more practical understanding of commercial methods. Returning home he applied himself to the work of the farm until 1897, when he took the civil service examination for postal clerks, and in July of the following year received his first appointment. He was on the Big Four between St. Louis and Indianapolis for a year, then transferred to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, between St. Louis and Rock Island, where he is still serving. After the death of his father he took possession of the old homestead, which he has ever since been cultivating. His fields are almost entirely devoted to cereals, but he is also an extensive fruit grower, having an orchard of twenty acres on which he raises apples, pears and small fruits. He is quite enthusiastic about the raising of poultry, and for this purpose he has most excellent facilities, having one chicken house that will accommodate eleven hundred fowls. His farm is well improved and thoroughly modern in all of its appointments, being one of the

most attractive places in the entire community. Mr. Black is a man of unusual versatility, his tastes being most varied. He possesses rare mechanical skill and takes great delight in exercising it. He has always been a great reader, being particularly fond of history and also scientific and philosophical works and has a well selected library in which is represented many of the best works of the master minds.

On the 12th of May, 1904, Mr. Black was married to Miss Eulalie Reno, a native of this county and a daughter of James W. and Jane (Mitchell) Reno. Mr. Black has been identified with the Masonic fraternity for twenty-two years and is affiliated with the Medora Lodge. He is one of the intellectual, broad-minded men of his community, progressive in his ideas and thorough in whatever he does, conscientious efficiency ever having been characteristic of whatever he undertakes, and this unquestionably is the secret of his success in his various activities.

OREN INGOLD.

Oren Ingold, who carries on general farming and stock-raising in Shaws Point township, was born in Montgomery county, Illinois, on the 9th of May, 1870. His parents, Amos and Malinda (Kingsbury) Ingold, were natives, the father of Indiana and the mother of South Carolina. Amos Ingold came to Illinois in his early manhood, locating in Montgomery county where he farmed as a renter until 1877, when he removed with his wife and family to Macoupin county. Here he continued to lease land for several years, and later bought a small tract in Shaws Point township. He immediately set about improving this place and has ever since been engaged in its cultivation, although he has now attained the age of seventy-seven years. The mother passed away on the 11th of April, 1910.

Oren Ingold's first school days were passed in Montgomery county, his education being completed in the district schools of Shaws Point township. He remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-two years of age, during which period he was thoroughly trained in the practical methods of agriculture under the capable supervision of his father. Immediately following his marriage he left the parental roof and rented land for eleven years. Industry, thrift and capable management made him a property owner at the expiration of that time, when he purchased forty acres of land in Shaw's Point township. He cultivated this tract with such success that he was subsequently able to extend his holdings by the addition of another forty acres, and here he has ever since continuously resided. During the period of his occupancy Mr. Ingold has effected many improvements on his property, and now has not only an attractive but a valuable place. He keeps seventy-six head of sheep, six milk cows and four work horses, and annually raises about fifty hogs for the market. Success has attended his efforts and he has acquired a very comfortable competence in addition to his property.

On the 24th of March, 1892, Mr. Ingold was united in marriage to Miss Laura O. Moore, a daughter of James and Melissa (Taggart) Moore, the

father being a native of Kentucky and the mother of Illinois. Mr. Moore came to Illinois from his native state with his parents, who located on a farm in Macoupin county. Having been reared to agricultural pursuits he adopted the same vocation when old enough to begin his business career and farmed as a renter until the death of his father, when he inherited the place that the same had operated until his death. The mother is still living and continues to make her residence on the old homestead in Carlinville township.

His political allegiance Mr. Ingold accords the democratic party, while both he and his wife manifest their religious beliefs by attending the Methodist Episcopal church, among the membership of which they number many friends.

ENOCB BROWN.

Enoch Brown, who owns a fine farm of one hundred and eighteen and a half acres on section 30, Scottville township, was born in Barr township, Macoupin county, on the 28th of August, 1836, a son of Perry P. and Christina J. (Walker) Brown. The father was born in the southern part of Illinois and the mother in Claiborne county, Tennessee. Our subject's maternal grandfather, William Walker, and the latter's father both served in the Revolutionary war, while Edward, a son of William, was in the Mexican war. William Walker is buried near Ottumwa, in Wapello county, Iowa. He was one of the pioneers of Macoupin county and cut the shingles and helped build the first courthouse here, which was erected in 1833. The paternal grandparents of our subject were George and Nancy A. Brown, but the latter having outlived her husband for some years married the second time. Perry P. Brown was reared and educated in Alton, Illinois, but in 1830 he removed to Macoupin county, where he was married on the 16th of August, 1835 to Miss Walker. Here he engaged in farming until 1856, when he removed to Union county, Iowa, where he continued to be identified with the same vocation until his death in 1865. His church affiliation was that of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, while fraternally he was identified with the Masonic order being a member of the lodge at Fayette, Illinois. His political allegiance was ever given to the republican party, whose principles he deemed best adapted to subserve the interests of the majority.

The district schools of this country provided Enoch Brown with a thorough knowledge of the common branches, while his father's training well qualified him for an agricultural career. He removed with his parents to Union county and there broke the prairie land of his father's homestead with a team of oxen. When he was twenty-eight years of age, he enlisted in Company H of the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, entering the service at Jacksonville, Illinois, on the 2d of February, 1865. He was mustered out on the 18th of the following September, at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He saw much guard duty and participated in a number of sharp skirmishes, during the period of his enlistment. Upon his return he acquired seventy-nine acres of government land upon which he located. He added to this at divers times, until he had one hundred and eighteen and a half acres of fine land, now being cultivated by his son.

On the 10th of February, 1859, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Mary S. Van Bebber, of Scottville township, a daughter of James and Nancy A. (Farrell) Van Bebber, of Tennessee originally, but the paternal ancestors were of Dutch extraction. The father was for many years engaged in farming in this county, where the family is well known. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Brown there were born three children: James Perry and Serena Ann, both of whom died in infancy; and Peter Louis, who is cultivating the homestead of his father. Peter Louis Brown married Anna Leavens, a daughter of Thomas and Sarah A. (Boyd) Leavens, natives of Ireland. One child was born to them which is deceased. Mrs. Enoch Brown passed away on the 24th of March, 1898, at the age of sixty years. She was born in this county on the 16th of May, 1838, and here she spent her entire life. She was a devout Christian woman of noble purpose and goodly intention, having united with the Baptist church in the fall of 1855 and ever after making its principles the guide of her daily life.

Mr. Brown is a member of the Baptist church of Mount Zion, and he has belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1872, being identified with the Scottville lodge, and he was also affiliated with the Grange when that organization was at its zenith. Politically he is a republican and has served as road and school commissioner and township trustee.

WILLIAM LINCOLN MORGAN.

William Lincoln Morgan, a native of South Otter township, who is known as an energetic and progressive farmer, is of English descent and his character for reliability and persistence may be ascribed to traits inherited from a long line of sturdy ancestry. He has never hesitated to push forward in any business undertaking when a favorable opportunity presented and as a result has gained valuable experience, his efforts being abundantly rewarded.

Born April 29, 1864, he is a son of Thomas and Harriet (Walton) Morgan, the former of whom was born in England and the latter in New York state. The grandfather on the maternal side was George Walton, a native of England. Thomas Morgan, the father, emigrated to the United States and came to Macoupin county in 1849, settling on a farm in South Otter township. Here he continued until 1890, when he retired from active labor. He died in 1910. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan were twelve children, five of whom survive, namely: Mrs. Mary E. Cain, of Oklahoma; Mrs. Florence Lawrence, of Carlinville; Mrs. Minnie Johnson, also of Carlinville; Thomas, Jr., who lives at Reno; and William Lincoln.

Mr. Morgan, of this sketch, attended the common schools of South Otter township and grew to manhood with the laudable desire to make the best use of life and attain an honorable name in the world. At the age of nineteen he began farming with his father, but the year following, having a desire to see the world, he went to Kansas. He returned to South Otter township in 1885 and applied himself to farming for a year, at the end of which time he entered the restaurant business at Jacksonville, Illinois, continuing later in the same

line at Galesburg. In 1890 he returned to Macoupin county and ran a store in Shaws Point township until 1896, when he removed to Racine, Wisconsin, and for two years was identified with the restaurant business in that city. He spent the following three years in Rochester and Syracuse, New York, and in 1901 returned to the home farm in South Otter township where he has since remained. He raises the grains adapted to the soil and climate of Macoupin county and also feeds live stock for the market. Under his careful and systematic management both branches of the business are highly profitable.

On the 15th of September, 1891, Mr. Morgan was married in Girard to Miss Lena McMahan, of South Otter township, a daughter of W. H. and Adeline (Curtis) McMahan, the former of whom was born in Green and the latter in Scott county, Illinois. The grandfathers of Mrs. Morgan were Henry McMahan, of Illinois, and James Curtis, who was a native of Virginia. To this union of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan three children have been born: Curtis, William C. and Helen.

Fraternally, Mr. Morgan is identified with Peach Tree Lodge, No. 633, M. W. A.; politically, he votes in support of the principles and candidates of the republican party. He takes a lively interest in affairs of the neighborhood and is a good friend of education, having served faithfully for eleven years as a member of the school board. Although now living on the farm where he was born, he has had an extensive acquaintance with the world and has possessed unusual opportunities for the study of human nature. Always wide-awake, intelligent and willing to learn, he has made practical application of his knowledge and is, therefore, one of the highly respected men of the township.

CHARLES G. HEINZ.

A well known and successful business man of Carlinville, who has figured prominently in the political life of the municipality, is Charles G. Heinz, member of the firm of H. C. Heinz & Bro. He is a native of this city, his birth having occurred on the 24th of May, 1858, his parents being Peter and Johanna (Knabuer) Heinz, both natives of Bavaria. To them were born seven children, five of whom are surviving.

Peter Heinz was reared and educated in Bavaria, where he also learned the carpenter's trade, emigrating to the United States in 1852. The first year of his residence here was spent on a farm in the vicinity of Chesterfield where he worked out by the month. At the end of that period he came to Carlinville where he worked as a painter for a time, later engaging in carpentry work and contracting. He was a skillful workman and erected several business blocks as well as residences here, meeting with most excellent success in his work. He later withdrew from contracting work and opened a little shop in which he manufactured furniture and coffins, all hand work; he later extended the scope of his activities and added to his stock factory products, continuing to be identified with the furniture business until his retirement in 1883. He was succeeded by his sons, Henry C. and Charles G., who later took their brother Gustave into

the firm. The father passed away in 1905, at the age of seventy-eight, having survived his wife one year, her demise occurring at the same age. Peter Heinz always found time and inclination to take part in all community affairs and was several times called to positions of trust in the county and township, while he most efficiently served the municipality. He was elected county treasurer for one term, while he served three terms as mayor and filled some of the minor offices of both city and township. His political support was always accorded the democracy, while both he and his wife were communicants of the German Lutheran church.

Charles G. Heinz was given the advantages of a good education, which was begun in the parochial school, where he attended six years. Later he entered the public school for two years and then went to Blackburn University where he remained for a year. At the expiration of that period, considering that he had sufficient knowledge to begin his commercial career, he entered his father's store, which for the past twenty-eight years he and his brothers have been conducting. Theirs is one of the oldest and best known business houses in the city, having been established for over a half century. They carry a full and well assorted stock of furniture, in connection with which they also maintain an undertaking department.

Fraternally Mr. Heinz is connected with the Knights of Pythias, while his political support he accords to the democratic party. He has always prominently participated in all political activities and was a delegate to the National Conventions held both in Indianapolis and Chicago. At the last municipal election he was chosen a member of the city council from his ward, the duties of which office he will undoubtedly discharge with the same conscientious and scrupulous regard for his responsibilities he has always exhibited in every position of trust. He is one of the affluent citizens of the community and in addition to his other business is secretary of the Carlinville Building & Loan Association of which he was one of the first stockholders.

WILLIS HAYES.

Willis Hayes, who has for many years been engaged in the general mercantile business in Scottsville, was born in Clinton county, Kentucky, on the 19th of October, 1859. His parents, Thomas and Mary (Crockett) Hayes, were both born in Clinton county, the father's natal day being the 23d of October, 1818, while that of the mother was in April, 1826. The paternal grandparents were Alexander and Hannah Hayes, who were natives of North Carolina. Thomas Hayes always devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits, acquiring a fine farm of two hundred acres in Kentucky that he cultivated until he withdrew from active life. He is now living retired in Clinton county.

A good common school education was acquired by Willis Hayes in his native state, after the completion of which he gave his undivided attention to agricultural pursuits on his father's farm. He came to Macoupin county in 1883, buying seventy acres of land where for several years he engaged in general

farming. Preferring work that would prove less taxing physically, he came to Scottville with the intention of engaging in business. Here he became associated with Marshall Wheeler and together they established the enterprise with which Mr. Hayes has ever since been identified. Mr. Marshall withdrew from the business at the end of three years and Mr. Hayes has ever since been conducting the business alone. He has a full and well assorted stock of general merchandise and is pleasantly situated as to location, having moved to his present stand in 1898. A man of pleasing personality, gracious and accommodating manner, Mr. Hayes has succeeded in building up an excellent business and is favored with a large patronage. His farm he is now renting.

On the 15th of February, 1885, Mr. Hayes married Martha Decker, a daughter of John and Jane (Van Bebber) Decker. The father, who was a farmer, died during the very early childhood of his daughter. To Mr. and Mrs. Hayes have been born two children: Ethel, who married Bert Followell, a farmer, and has one child, Chester; and Virgil L., who is unmarried and works in the store with his father.

Mr. Hayes' fraternal relations are confined to membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Scottville Lodge, No. 226; and the Modern Woodmen of America, Scottville Camp, No. 506, in both of which organizations he has filled the office of clerk. His political support is given to the democratic party. Mr. Hayes has always led a life of activity, and is accorded the good-will and esteem of those with whom he has been associated.

SALMON TUTTLE HOPSON.

As early as 1847 Salmon Tuttle Hopson, now living retired in Girard township, first cast his eyes on Macoupin county. He has spent all the intervening years in Illinois and is one of the honored pioneers of the state. A native of Herkimer county, New York, he was born November 17, 1824, a son of James and Lucy (Tuttle) Hopson. The father was born in Connecticut in 1789 and the mother was also a native of that state. The grandparents on the paternal and maternal sides were Alvarus Hopson and Zopher Tuttle respectively.

Mr. Hopson of this sketch received his early education in the public schools of Herkimer county and later attended Fairfield Academy, from which he was graduated in 1842. After leaving this institution he went to Akron, Ohio, and engaged in the manufacture of wooden pails. In 1844 he returned to Herkimer county and, being desirous of pursuing his studies further, became a student in the Little Falls Academy. He went to Maryland in 1845 with two brothers and in 1847 taught school in that state. Believing that the great west contained inviting possibilities for an ambitious young man, he came to Macoupin county, Illinois, after closing his school in 1847 and began farming at Chesterfield. He had learned cheese making in his old home in New York state and for some years he devoted his attention largely to that business, hauling the products of his dairy by wagon to St. Louis, a distance of fifty-four miles. In 1849 he purchased land east of Chesterfield, to which he moved. In 1856 he took



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up his residence in Jersey county and engaged in the mercantile business, but four years later, having decided that farming was more to his taste, he purchased land in Girard township, east of Girard, and there established his homestead. He retired from active labor in 1895 and his son Byron is now in charge of the farm. He has been one of the active factors in the development of Girard township and was an organizer and officer of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company. He also organized the Grange store at Girard and conducted its affairs with such ability that a dividend of forty-three per cent was divided among the stockholders as a result of his first year's operations.

In 1855, at Chesterfield, Mr. Hopson was married to Miss Susan R. Cundall, a daughter of John and Mary A. (Gelder) Cundall, both of whom were natives of England. Three children were born to this union: John, who lives at Sorrento, Illinois, and has one son and one daughter; Mamie, who married A. Vanatta, of St. Louis, and has one daughter; and Carrie, who is the wife of James Rice, of Hillsboro, Illinois, and has one son. The mother of these children died in 1864 and in 1866 Mr. Hopson was married, in Carlinville, to Miss Elizabeth Vanarsdale, a daughter of Harrison Vanarsdale, a native of Tennessee, who settled in Macoupin county, Illinois. By his second marriage Mr. Hopson had seven children, namely: Katie, who married Daniel Bell, of Mount Vernon, Illinois, and has four children; Albertus, a farmer of Girard township, who married Cora Cramp and also has four children; Byron, who has charge of the home farm; Charles T., of St. Louis, who married Stella Cramp and has four children; Cora, now Mrs. Jacob Slater, of Iowa; Herbert, of Girard township, who married Lena Jennings, by whom he has two children; and Lotta, who became the wife of Alvin Warner and has one son. Mr. Hopson is justly proud of his descendants and is the father of ten children, grandfather of nineteen children and can also claim one great-grandchild.

Politically he has ever since he arrived at manhood been a supporter of the democratic party. He is an earnest friend of education and served for seventeen years as member of the school board. Although he has reached the advanced age of eighty-six years, he enjoys a goodly measure of health and strength and takes an active interest in local and world affairs. He has been a witness of great changes in the west and for more than sixty years has been personally identified with the development of Macoupin county. His life has been active, busy and useful and has been characterized by a spirit of helpfulness and progressiveness that very materially enhanced the happiness of those with whom he associated. It is to men of this class that the country owes the blessings of peace and prosperity so abundantly in evidence today.

REV. WILLIAM H. RIEMEIER.

The Rev. William H. Riemeier, for the past ten years pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical church, was born in Cappel, St. Charles county, Missouri, on the 19th of October, 1858. He is a son of William Henry and Henrietta (Moenning) Riemeier, natives of Hanover, Germany. The father was reared in the

old country and there he also married his first wife. In 1850 together with his family he emigrated to the United States, locating in the vicinity of Cappeln, Missouri, where he bought an uncleared and unimproved farm of one hundred and twenty acres. He felled trees and built a cabin which provided his family with a home, then began the cultivation of his land. In 1854 an epidemic of cholera swept through that section of the country and he lost his wife and three of his four children. Later he married Miss Moenning and by this union there were born four sons, all of whom attained maturity. The order of their birth is as follows: John F., a minister of the Evangelical church at Ferguson, Missouri; William H., our subject; George W., who is a resident of Foristell, Missouri; and Frank F., who is living in Marthasville, Missouri. The father passed away in 1883, at the age of sixty-five, while the mother survived until 1898, her demise occurring when she was seventy-two years of age. Both were earnest members of the Evangelical church.

The boyhood and youth of William H. Riemeier were spent on the home farm in St. Charles county, in a manner very similar to those of other lads in the community. His preliminary education was obtained in the district and parochial schools, and at the age of fourteen he was confirmed and took his first communion in the Evangelical church. When he was eighteen he went to Elmhurst, Illinois, to attend college, being graduated from this institution with the class of 1880. For twenty years thereafter he taught in parochial schools, his first position of this kind being in Carlinville, where he remained four years. From here he went to Chicago and five years later he took charge of a school in St. Louis with which he was identified until 1899, when he entered the ministry. His first pastorate was at Sulphur Springs, Missouri, where he spent two years in fruitful labor. At the expiration of that time he responded to the unanimous call of the congregation of Carlinville and came here. During the ten years of his service here Mr. Riemeier has done most effective work. The parochial school has been supplied with new furniture, while various substantial and minor changes and alterations have been made in the other property of the church. A small and somewhat indifferent congregation has been succeeded by an active and most earnest membership which numbers three hundred and fifty communicants. The development has been slow but steady and permanent, and today St. Paul's is one of the most enthusiastic and active congregations in the town.

It was while he was teaching in Carlinville that Mr. Riemeier met Miss Emma Balke, who became his wife on the 21st of October, 1883. Mrs. Riemeier was born in Carlinville on the 10th of April, 1859, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Balke, natives of Germany. The parents were among the pioneer settlers of Macoupin county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The mother passed away in 1865, while still in her early womanhood, but the father was about fifty at the time of his demise. Two children were born of their union, Ferdinand, who died when about twenty-two; and Emma, now Mrs. Riemeier.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Riemeier there were born three daughters: Laura, Hulda and Selma. The eldest daughter, Laura, passed away on the 17th of January, 1911, at the age of twenty-five years. She was a very beautiful character, pos-

sessing a bright mind and a kindly, helpful nature, and had been of almost invaluable assistance to her father in his work. An excellent student, after completing the course of the parochial school in St. Louis, she entered the Madison school in that city, from which she was graduated with honors in the class of 1899. Six years ago she undertook to teach the parochial school of Carlinville, with which she was connected up to the time of her demise, having met with most excellent success. Miss Riemeier was also a musician of more than average ability and for some years past had been the organist of St. Paul's. Hulda, the second daughter, is still at home and has taken her sister's place as organist of the church. Selma, the youngest member of the family, passed away at the age of three years.

Broad minded and liberal in his views, lenient in his judgments and charitable in his criticism, Mr. Riemeier has greatly endeared himself to the people of Carlinville. He has always taken an active and helpful interest in all community affairs, lending his aid wherever needed to lift the standard of thought and living, and cooperating in every way possible in promoting every movement tended to advance the spiritual, moral or intellectual welfare of the citizens.

FRED G. OELTJEN.

One of the influential citizens of Carlinville, who has been a prominent factor in the political and business circles of the county is Fred G. Oeltjen. He is a native of Oldenburg, Germany, his birth having there occurred on the 6th of October, 1852, being a son of R. G. and Taletta (Rogge) Oeltjen. The parents emigrated to the United States with their family in 1867, locating on a farm in Carlinville, Macoupin county. The cultivation of this property engaged the energies of Mr. Oeltjen until twelve or fourteen years prior to his demise when he retired to Carlinville, where he was residing when he passed away in April, 1892, at the age of seventy-one. His wife survived until the 7th of October, 1900, her demise occurring at the age of eighty. Both were earnest members of the Lutheran church. To Mr. and Mrs. Oeltjen there were born seven children: Albert F., who is a resident of Chicago; Fred G., our subject; Reinhard E., who is living in Petersburg, Illinois; Gesine, the widow of Henry W. Frewert, of Petersburg; Emma, who married Gustav Kasten, of Carlinville; Meta, the wife of Benjamin Bulcar, of Monticello, Iowa; and Mary, the wife of Albert Loehr, of Carlinville.

Fred G. Oeltjen was a youth of fifteen years when he emigrated to the United States with his parents, since which he has always made his home in Carlinville. He acquired a very good common-school education in his native country, this being supplemented upon his arrival here by a course in Blackburn University, upon the completion of which he taught for a time. Later he entered public life and served for six or seven years as township clerk, while in 1894 he was the successful candidate for the office of county clerk. After the expiration of his term of office he opened a real estate and loan office, which he has ever since maintained. Mr. Oeltjen also devotes considerable time to

literary pursuits, being a contributor to various newspapers, and a stockholder of the Mount Olive Teutonia, a German weekly paper. In 1883 he was awarded a prize of fifty dollars for the best humorous article in German dialect, submitted in a contest.

On the 21st of May, 1906, Mr. Oeltjen was united in marriage to Mrs. Nora Gerhart, the widow of George Gerhart and a daughter of Thomas and Christina (Cowell) Jones. Mrs. Oeltjen was born in Carlinville, her father also being a native of Illinois, but her mother was born in England, the maternal grandparents being among the early settlers of Macoupin county. Mr. Jones passed away in Kansas in 1880, at the age of thirty-seven years, but the mother still survives and continues to make her home in Carlinville. Of the three children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Oeltjen is the eldest, the other two being Maggie, the wife of Charles Hankins; and Charles. To Mr. and Mrs. Oeltjen has been born one daughter, an interesting little maid of three years.

They attend the Lutheran church and politically Mr. Oeltjen is an ardent republican, being one of the leaders of his party in this county. He always takes an active part not only in all municipal and county affairs but in state and national campaigns. His business enterprises have proven very successful and in addition to several buildings and other pieces of property in the city he owns a fine sixty acre farm four miles east of Carlinville. Endowed with a pleasing personality and genial manner Mr. Oeltjen wins many friends, whose loyalty he has the faculty of retaining and is one of the most popular men not only in his immediate community but in the county, where he is held in high esteem.

ENOC H PERRINE.

Enoch Perrine, a prosperous farmer of Nilwood township and also head of a promising family, is a native of Montgomery county, Illinois, born October 10, 1864. He is a son of Enoch and Elizabeth (Reno) Perrine, the former of whom was born in New Jersey and the latter in Kentucky, being also a grandson of Ezekiel Perrine, of New Jersey, and Thomas Reno, of Kentucky. The father came to Macoupin county with his family, in 1866, and located in Nilwood township. He applied himself to agriculture and stock-raising for nearly forty years in this county, becoming one of its well known and highly respected citizens. Politically, he gave his support to the republican party but not through any desire to hold public office although he served with general acceptance as highway commissioner of the township. He died at the home place, in 1905. He was not identified with any religious denomination but his wife was an earnest member of the Church of the Brethren. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Perrine were three children: Enoch, of this review; James, who makes his home in Nilwood township; and Rose, who married R. Loveless, of Montgomery county.

At the age of two years, Enoch Perrine was brought by his parents to Macoupin county and his earliest recollections are connected with this section. He received his preliminary education in the district schools and continued at

home, assisting his father in work upon the home farm, for one year after arriving at maturity. In 1888, he began farming on his own account in the eastern part of Nilwood township and five years later moved to Montgomery county where he continued in the same vocation. In 1905, he returned to Nilwood township, where he has since made his home. He owes his success to habits of industry acquired in youth and maintained through maturer years. He is a wide-awake and enterprising man and has acquired a competence for himself and family. His farm is in an excellent state of cultivation, everything about the place indicating careful thought and good management.

On the 1st of March, 1888, Mr. Perrine was married in Nilwood township to Miss Winona Hall, a native of this township. She is a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Faulkner) Hall, the former of whom was born in Kentucky and the latter in Illinois. Her grandfather upon the paternal side is Virgil Hall who is now living in Nilwood township. Mr. and Mrs. Perrine are the parents of seven children, namely: Virgil, Bertha, Coy, May, Mabel, Enoch and Maud Ellen, all of whom are living at home.

In political views Mr. Perrine is a democrat although he is very broad in his interpretation of party principles and often votes for candidates irrespective of political lines. He is a stanch adherent of education and has given his children every desirable advantage of training necessary for them to become honorable and useful members of the community. His success has been gained through wisely directed energy and, as he aims to be governed by truth and justice in his relations with others, he has won the respect of all with whom he has business or social relations.

FERDINAND SCHAEFER.

A representative citizen and business man of Carlinville is Ferdinand Schaefer, who was born in the province of Westphalia, Germany, on the 9th of July, 1863. His parents were William and Wilhelmina (Mueller) Schaefer, who spent their entire lives in the old country. The father, who was a brick manufacturer in Bochum, Westphalia, passed away at the age of sixty-six years, but the mother survived for some time thereafter her demise occurring after she had passed the seventy-eighth anniversary of her birth. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer: Charles, William, Ferdinand, Anna, Wilhelmina, Frederick, Anthony, Louise and Marie. The parents were both communicants of the Roman Catholic church. The paternal grandfather, William Schaefer, was a jeweler, the mother's father, Charles Mueller, a merchant in Lemgo, Germany.

The first twenty-one years of his life Ferdinand Schaefer spent in his native country, where, after the completion of his early studies, he pursued a three-years college course. Having decided to adopt the trade of his paternal grandfather, he was then apprenticed to a watchmaker and jeweler. Upon the expiration of his period of service he decided to become a citizen of the United States, so crossing the Atlantic in April, 1884, he located in Carlinville. The first three years of his residence in this country he worked by the month as a

farm hand, being entirely unfamiliar with either the language or customs of the country. Subsequent to his marriage in 1887 he rented a farm in Brushy Mound township toward the cultivation of which he directed his energies for five years. His agricultural pursuits proved successful and lucrative, and in 1891 he removed to Carlinville where he engaged in the jewelry business, opening his store on the 21st day of September. Mr. Schaefer possesses all of the thrift, energy and tenacity of purpose which characterize his countrymen and despite the many obstacles and disadvantages under which he worked during the early years of his residence in this country has met with success. He has a fine store, containing a large and well selected stock, and is enjoying an excellent patronage.

On the 19th of January, 1887, Mr. Schaefer was united in marriage to Miss Pauline Calkum, one of the eight children of Henry and Augusta (Noterman) Calkum, who spent their entire lives in Germany. Mrs. Schaefer is also a native of Westphalia, whence she emigrated to the United States in the spring of 1884. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer there have been born ten children: Ferdinand, Theresa, William, Bertha, Harriet, Josephine, Laura, John and two who died in infancy. Ferdinand, the eldest member of the family, is in the store with his father, while the three daughters, Theresa, Bertha and Harriet are teaching school.

Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer are communicants of the German Catholic church, in which they have reared their family. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and politically he is a democrat. Mr. Schaefer is highly esteemed as both a business man and citizen, his success being recognized as the highly merited reward of unremitting energy and determination of purpose. He arrived in this country practically empty handed and without either influence or assistance has attained an enviable position in the business circles of Carlinville, where both he and his family are held in high esteem.

C. L. DAVIDSON.

Some men are born for a commercial life while others are inclined irresistibly to a professional career. Experience has demonstrated that it is highly important for an individual to follow the pursuit in which he is most interested—the one to which his talents and inclination instinctively point—and it was fortunate for C. L. Davidson, of Virden, that he yielded to his early inclination and became a dealer in horses, as he has proved unusually successful in that line. He is a native of Macoupin county, born in the town of Macoupin, November 21, 1859, a son of Isaac and Ann (Beeman) Davidson, both of whom were born in Illinois. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Davidson were nine children, three of whom died in infancy, the others being: Lewis, a resident of Hillsboro, Illinois; Sylvester, who is now living in Jersey county; C. L., of this review; Ellsworth, who was killed in a feud between cattle and sheep men in New Mexico; Nettie, the wife of Henry Whitler, of Macoupin county; and Arthur, who is living in Canada.

Mr. Davidson of this sketch was educated in the public schools and even as a boy was especially interested in horses. He began his active business career as a stock dealer and has ever since continued buying, selling and trading horses. There are few men in Illinois who can claim better judgment as to the value of horses. He has been highly successful in his chosen vocation and ranks among the intelligent and reliable dealers of the state. He is also interested in farming and has owned land in Macoupin county, and is now the owner of seven hundred and fifty acres in Missouri.

On March 29, 1898, Mr. Davidson was married to Miss Hattie Evans, a daughter of William and Louisiana (Noble) Evans, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Mississippi. Mr. Evans was one of the pioneers of Illinois and his father built the third cabin that was erected where the city of Alton now stands. In his family were eight children, namely: Isabelle, who married Clifford Rowland, of Montgomery county; Henry, deceased; Martha, the wife of James Kidd, of Virden; Mary, who is now living in St. Louis and is the widow of Joseph Baird; Albert, of Montgomery county; William, deceased; Benjamin, who makes his home at Virden; and Hattie, now Mrs. C. L. Davidson. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson are the parents of six children: Mildred, who was born January 20, 1899, and died August 30, 1903; Chester E., born December 13, 1900; Isabelle N., born December 22, 1902; George M., who was born April 29, 1905, and died April 5, 1906; Cynthia L., born February 5, 1907; and Clifford L., born January 30, 1910.

Mr. Davidson is a second cousin of Hon. William J. Bryan but notwithstanding his relationship to the noted democratic leader he is an earnest supporter of the principles and candidates of the republican party. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors. He is a man of large and varied experience and, beginning upon his own account, has developed a business that has brought him a comfortable competence. His affairs have at all times been conducted according to the strictest business ethics. Helpfulness toward others is one of his marked characteristics and many have been benefited by his generous spirit and kindly disposition. Such a man never lacks friends and it is highly to his credit that he possesses the confidence and regard of all with whom he has had business or social relations.

CHARLES S. AMBROSE, M. D.

A successful member of the medical fraternity of Macoupin county is Dr. Charles S. Ambrose, who seven years ago located in Mount Olive, where he has ever since engaged in general practice. He is a native of Topeka, Kansas, his birth having occurred on the 8th of September, 1877. His parents are John W. and Flora (Hawes) Ambrose, the father a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Wisconsin. In his early manhood the father moved to Kansas and there he met the mother who as a child had come there with her parents. Agricultural pursuits engaged the attention of Mr. Ambrose until ten years ago since which time he has been living retired. He and his wife now reside in Republic, Kansas, he

having attained the age of sixty-six and she of sixty-two. Politically Mr. Ambrose is a republican but has never been an office seeker. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias, while Mrs. Ambrose is a devout member of the United Brethren church. They are both influential in their community, their efforts ever being exerted on the side of good.

Dr. Charles S. Ambrose spent his boyhood and youth on the Kansas farm where he was born, attending the common schools in the acquirement of preliminary education which was completed in the high school at Republic, where he was graduated in 1894. In the ensuing autumn he went to the State Normal school at Emporia, Kansas, remaining for one year. Returning home at the expiration of that period he accepted a clerkship in a mercantile establishment remaining until 1900. In the mean time having decided to adopt the profession of medicine for his life vocation he went to St. Louis, entering the office of Dr. Waldo Briggs, to do some preliminary studying. He subsequently entered the College of Physicians & Surgeons, St. Louis, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1904. Immediately thereafter he came to Mount Olive, where he has ever since been located. A pleasing personality, keen judgment and excellent mental qualities have well endowed Dr. Ambrose for the profession he has chosen to adopt. He is meeting with most excellent success and during the seven years he has been engaged in professional work in Mount Olive has succeeded in building up an extensive practice.

In March, 1905, Dr. Ambrose was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Goodwin, a daughter of the Rev. W. C. Goodwin, a Methodist minister, of Moline, Kansas. To them were born two children, a son and a daughter: Carl and Eileen.

Dr. Ambrose is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being affiliated with Staunton Lodge, No. 177, A. F. & A. M.; Litchfield Chapter, No. 120, R. A. M.; and St. Omar Commandery, K. T., at Litchfield. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, being identified with Litchfield Lodge, No. 654, while he maintains relations with his fellow practitioners through the medium of his membership in the Macoupin County Medical society, the Illinois State and the American Medical associations. Mrs. Ambrose is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Order of the Eastern Star of Staunton. His political support he gives to the democratic party, but he has never prominently participated in political affairs, preferring to devote his entire attention to his professional duties, which are performed with a rare sense of conscientious obligation.

PROFESSOR CHARLES ROBERTSON.

A prominent and influential citizen of Carlinville, whose energies have always been devoted to educational, scholarly and literary pursuits is Professor Charles Robertson. His birth occurred here on the 12th of June, 1858, his parents being William A. and Nancy, commonly called Nannette, (Holliday) Robertson, the father a native of Virginia and the mother of Cincinnati. William A. Robertson was born in Liberty, Bedford county, Virginia, on the 27th of October, 1803, the eldest son of Dr. William Robertson, who was a practicing physician in Vir-



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ginia, whence he removed to Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1803. From there he went to Lexington, Kentucky, but later settled in Harrodsburg, that state, where he engaged in the practice of his profession during the remainder of his life. He married a Miss Burton and to them were born the following children: William A., the father of our subject; Archie; Robert; Mary, the wife of Lawson Moore; and Harriet, who became Mrs. Messick.

The preliminary education of William A. Robertson was obtained in the New London Academy in Virginia. Later he studied medicine with his father, following which he took a course of lectures in a medical college at Lexington, Kentucky. Subsequent to his marriage he came to Illinois, settling in Edwardsville in 1830, and from there he went to Alton, where he engaged in the practice of medicine for a time, subsequently devoting his energies to farming. In 1835 he came to Carlinville and ten years later he embarked in the general mercantile business, which he carried on for some years. He had absolute confidence in the agricultural future of the state and invested his money in land, which he sold at a good advance. The proceeds realized from the transaction were used to purchase large tracts of cheap land, that he later disposed of at a good profit, thus keeping his money in constant circulation. This proved to be very lucrative and enabled him to acquire considerable wealth. Dr. Robertson was twice married, his first union being with Miss Ellen Clark, a native of Kentucky, whom he wedded in 1829. She passed away soon after they located in Carlinville, and on the 18th of October, 1844, Dr. Robertson was united in marriage to Miss Nancy H. Holliday. Mrs. Robertson was born in the vicinity of Scottsville, Allen county, Kentucky, on the 14th of November, 1821, a daughter of the Rev. Charles and Sarah (Watkins) Holliday. Her father was educated for a Presbyterian minister but later in life he united with the Methodist denomination. He was one of the pioneer ministers of Macoupin county and was for some time located at Chesterfield, Illinois, where he and his wife passed away. They were the parents of two children, the daughter Nannette, who became Mrs. Robertson; and a son, George. Mr. Holliday had been previously married, however, and by that union there were born several children, among them being Mrs. Jane Cowden, Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Newland. George Holliday, the son of the Rev. Charles, was at one time prominently identified with the public life of Macoupin county, being a member of the board of commissioners at the time the present courthouse was erected.

Unto Dr. and Mrs. Robertson there were born eight children, three of whom died in infancy. Those who attained maturity are as follows: Elizabeth, who was the wife of A. W. Edwards and died on the 12th of June, 1911; Ellen, the deceased wife of John Mayo Palmer; William, also deceased; Annie, the wife of Senator F. W. Burton, of Carlinville; and Charles, our subject.

Dr. Robertson withdrew from active business life in 1851, living retired from that time until his demise, which occurred in 1878, at the age of seventy-five years. He was a man of scholarly instincts and tastes and a lover of good literature. His well stored mind, fine intellect and well trained habit of thought made him a most delightful companion, as he could intelligently converse on almost any subject. Although a firm believer in the Christian philosophy and its beneficial influence upon humanity, he was too liberal in his views to be conscientiously able

to conform to the tenets of any church of his period. When first granted the right of franchise he supported the whig party, but in later life he cast his ballot for such men and measures as he deemed adapted to best subserve the interests of the majority. He was one of the progressive and enterprising pioneers of the county, whose ideas and influence did much to mould the early history of the community in which he resided for so many years.

The hardships and privations of pioneer life in this section were practically over before the advent of Charles Robertson, whose boyhood and youth were passed amid the pleasant environment of a comfortable home. He entered the public schools of Carlinville at the usual age, remaining a student therein until his graduation, following which he pursued a course in Blackburn University. In 1880 he was called to the faculty of that institution, where for six years he taught botany and Greek. In the summer preceding the beginning of his duties he pursued a special course in botany at Harvard University, thus more ably qualifying himself to impart his knowledge on the subject to others. In 1888 he took a course in hymenoptera at the University of Illinois. Two years previously his alma mater had honored him by conferring upon him the degree of Master of Science. In 1897 he took the chair of biology in Blackburn University, which he retained for twelve years.

Professor Robertson has been a frequent contributor to various scientific journals, among them being *The Botanical Gazette*, *Canadian Entomologist*, *Entomological News*, *Science*, *American Naturalist*, and *Transactions of the St. Louis Academy of Science*. He holds membership in the *Illinois Natural History Society*, *Cambridge Entomological Club*, *Entomological Society of France*, *Indiana Academy of Science*, *Academy of Science of St. Louis*, *Western Society of Naturalists*, *Naturalists of Central States*, and *Botanists of Central States*. He has been a very close student and observer of both flowers and insects, devoting special attention to their relations, his discoveries and observations in the latter connection having been very fully treated in his contributions to various scientific periodicals.

On the 12th of November, 1879, Professor Robertson was united in marriage to Miss Alice McDonald Venable, a native of Indiana and a daughter of James and Mary (McDonald) Venable. Her father was born in Shelbyville, Kentucky, a son of James and Elizabeth (Carver) McDonald, who were the parents of six children, as follows: Samuel, John, James, Sarah, Mary and Martha. The paternal grandfather, James Venable, was a native of Virginia, but removed to Kentucky during the pioneer days and there he passed away at the age of seventy-six. His wife was about the same age at the time of her demise. He was a veteran of the war of 1812. In the maternal line Mrs. Robertson is of Scotch extraction. Her grandfather, who was a lawyer, emigrated from Scotland to the United States in the early part of the century, locating in Indianapolis. He met with excellent success in his profession and became a judge of the supreme court. For his wife he chose a Miss Mary Miller and of their union there were born four daughters and two sons: David Hume, Curran, Mary, Eleanor, Flora and Lilla. The parents both passed away late in life. Their daughter, Mrs. James Venable, was only thirty-six at the time of her death, which occurred in Indianapolis in 1868. James Venable subsequently came to Illinois, locating in Carlinville, where he con-

tinued to reside for several years, engaging in agricultural pursuits. He was living in Parsons, Kansas, at the time of his death, which occurred in 1868 at the venerable age of ninety-four years. To Mr. and Mrs. James Venable were born five children: Eleanor; Alice, now Mrs. Robertson; James; David, and William.

Professor and Mrs. Robertson are the parents of two children, a son and a daughter, Mary and Charles. In matters of religion they affiliate with the Protestant churches, while politically Professor Robertson has always been independent. His ballot is cast in support of such men and measures as he deems best qualified to meet the exigencies of the situation, irrespective of party connection. Although he has never taken a prominent part in political affairs he is a public-spirited man and takes an active and helpful interest in the welfare of the community, assisting to forward every movement he feels would in any way prove beneficial to the citizens generally. Professor Robertson taught until 1909, since which time he has been devoting his attention to his private affairs and his literary pursuits. He and his family are among the highly esteemed citizens of Carlinville, where they have many friends.

JAMES M. GIBBS.

Among the intelligent and successful citizens of Macoupin county is James M. Gibbs, who is the owner of a farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres in North Palmyra township, which yields a handsome annual revenue. A native of the township where he now lives, he was born March 1, 1872, being a son of John C. and Mary (O'Neal) Gibbs. The grandfather of our subject was also named John C. Gibbs. He was born in Yorkshire, England, and married Mary Ward. They lived in Canada for a number of years and in 1835 came to Illinois and located in Scott county. Mr. Gibbs died on his farm in that county but his wife survived for many years, passing away at Winchester, Illinois, in 1872.

John C. Gibbs, the father of our subject, was the youngest in a family of four children. He was born in Toronto, Canada, January 28, 1835, and as he grew to manhood learned the wagon-maker's trade, operating a shop at Milton, Pike county, Illinois. On August 12, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, Ninety-ninth Illinois Volunteers, and went to the front, serving valiantly for three years for the cause of the Union. He participated in many important battles, among them being Hartsville, Vicksburg and Champion Hill. He was twice wounded one wound being in the neck, at the battle of Vicksburg but continued in the army until the close of his period of enlistment. After receiving his honorable discharge he returned to Scott county, Illinois, where he continued until 1869. He then moved to North Palmyra township, Macoupin county, and devoted his attention to farming. He was married in North Palmyra township, March 12, 1871, to Mary O'Neal, who was born in the same township, December 20, 1842, a daughter of Lewis L. and Elizabeth (Crum) O'Neal. Her father was a native of Kentucky and her mother was born in Clark county, Indiana, January

12, 1815. Mr. Gibbs gave his support to the republican party and was a member of the Christian church, but his wife held membership in the Presbyterian church.

James M. Gibbs attended the common schools of North Palmyra township and, desiring to be well prepared for active business life, became a student of the Jacksonville Business College. He proved remarkably diligent in his studies and was graduated from that institution at the age of seventeen. After leaving college he concentrated his attention upon farming and prosecuted his work with such ability that he became the owner of one hundred and seventy-five acres of valuable land. He cultivates the fields and also feeds shorthorn cattle and Chester White hogs for the market. He is progressive in his methods and is one of the respected men of the township, who has fairly earned the good fortune which he possesses.

On the 26th of April, 1898, Mr. Gibbs was married at Carlinville, to Miss Clara L. McGee, a daughter of Samuel and Kate (Dolan) McGee. Her father, who is a blacksmith and machinist by trade, was born in Kentucky and during the Civil war enlisted at Louisville, that state. He is now living retired in Chicago but his wife, who was also a native of Kentucky, died in 1888. He is a member of the Christian church, to which she also belonged, and he gives his political support to the democratic party. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs have been born four children: John Galen, Ralph E., Earl C. and an infant born July 9, 1911.

In politics Mr. Gibbs supports the republican party, believing that in so doing he is best advancing the interests of the whole country. He had good advantages of training early in life and by making wise use of the opportunities presented in one of the richest states of the Union has acquired a competency. The father of a young and growing family, he is actively interested in education and in the substantial development of the region in which he has spent his entire life. Judging by what he has accomplished, there are before him many years of increasing responsibility. His record is one of which his family and friends may justly be proud.

JAMES W. RENO.

James W. Reno, one of the representative farmers and highly esteemed citizens of Shipman township, has spent his entire life in that locality. He was born in that township on the 3d of January, 1850, and is a member of one of its pioneer families. His education was obtained in the public schools and when twenty-two years of age he and his brother Granville bought their father's farm, consisting of one hundred and ninety-four acres. They added to this from time to time as they were able until they had acquired four hundred and forty acres and engaged in cooperative farming until 1892, when they divided the property equally, each taking a portion of the old homestead in his share. Our subject is still engaged in general farming and makes a specialty of stock-raising, devoting considerable attention to the feeding of stock for the market

and to the dairy business. He is also interested in the breeding of Duroc Jersey hogs, in which he has met with excellent success.

On the 18th of December, 1877, Mr. Reno was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jane Mitchell, a daughter of William Wilson and Matilda (Nix) Mitchell. Her father was a member of an old Kentucky family and from that state he came to Illinois, locating in Greene county, where he resided until 1862, when he removed to Macoupin county, settling on a farm near Medora, which continued to be his home up to the time of his death. Four of his children reached years of maturity, namely: Robert, who is now a resident of Cowlitz county, Washington, where he is engaged in farming; Ephraim, who made his home in Kingman county, Kansas, but is now deceased; Mrs. Reno; and Newton, who is engaged in the lumber business in Cowlitz county, Washington.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reno were born seven children: Sankey, now a resident of Piasa, who married Elizabeth Travers and has one child, Ralph R.; Fred, who died at the age of six years; Eulalie, now the wife of Charles W. Black, of Shipman township; Rose, the wife of Charles Bartow, a farmer living near Piasa; William S., who is unmarried and lives at home; Newton, who married Phoebe Whitaker, of Piasa; and Paul, who is also at home.

The family attend the Baptist church and fraternally Mr. Reno is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, while politically he is a supporter of the democratic party. He has always taken an active interest in public affairs and has served as school director in his district for twelve years. Wherever known he is held in high regard and has a host of friends throughout his native county.

HOWARD OTIS TALLEY.

A history of Macoupin county would hardly be complete without some reference being made to the Talley family, who located here in the very early pioneer days and have been numbered among the representative citizens for four generations. Originally they were natives of France, having emigrated from there to England, whence three brothers came to America, settling in Delaware in 1680. The paternal grandfather, Joseph Talley, migrated from Delaware to Indiana in the early days and there engaged in farming. Later he came to Macoupin county, where he continued to follow agricultural pursuits, having always been identified with this occupation. His demise occurred at Piasa, Illinois, when he had reached a ripe old age. Unto him and his wife there were born seven sons and one daughter, the latter having died when very young. Their sons in the order of birth were as follows: John, William, Joseph, Adam, Wilbur, Henry and Harmon. The mother and the eldest son, John, were victims of the cholera epidemic of 1854, both deaths occurring the same day. Joseph, Adam, Wilbur and Henry were all soldiers in the Civil war, the three eldest in the infantry, members of the same company, while Henry Talley was in the cavalry forces. Adam Talley was a native of Noblesville, Indiana, but in his early manhood located in Shipman, Illinois, where he followed his trade,

which was that of decorating, until the breaking out of the war. He responded to the call for volunteers and enlisted as a private in Company F, Twenty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving all through the war, participating in many of the most notable and closely contested battles. After receiving his discharge he returned to Shipman, where he continued to reside until 1874. He then removed with his family to Carlinville where he has made his home for thirty-six years. Mr. Talley married Miss Josephine Frank, a daughter of Abraham and Mary (Witt) Frank, and a native of Carlinville; her father early settled in Carlinville, where for many years he conducted a hotel on West Main street. He was very popular, of a genial disposition and a great sportsman, spending much of his time in the forests which at that period abounded with game. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Frank numbered nine, namely: Francis, George, Josephine, Abraham, Jacob, Isaac, Isadore, Isabel and Effie. Their eldest daughter, Mrs. Adam Talley, passed away on the 25th of January, 1883, at the age of twenty-eight years; she was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. To Mr. and Mrs. Adam Talley was born one son, Howard Otis Talley, the subject of this sketch.

The first four years in the life of Howard Otis Talley were spent in Shipman, Illinois, where his birth occurred on the 22d of September, 1870. His parents removed to Carlinville in 1874, and here he grew to manhood, being a pupil in the public schools. After laying aside his text-books he engaged in clerking here for several years and then went to St. Louis. There he obtained a position in the express office and later pursued a business course in one of the commercial colleges. After the completion of this course he took a position as stenographer at Poplar Bluff, Missouri, where he remained for two years. Shortly after his marriage he again took up his residence in St. Louis and engaged in the hotel business. From there he migrated to Denver, where for three years he conducted a mining directory, returning to Carlinville in 1900. During the succeeding six years he worked as a decorator, then took over the Central Hotel and City Opera House with which he has ever since been successfully identified.

On the 29th of January, 1896, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Talley and Miss Florence Graham, a daughter of Dr. William D. and Mary A. (Rice) Graham. Mrs. Talley was born in Carlinville on the 13th of July, 1870, her parents also being natives of this town. Her preliminary education was acquired in the public schools after the completion of which she entered Blackburn University. Her father, Dr. Graham, was a son of Milo Graham, a native of Pennsylvania of Scotch extraction, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Carlinville. Mrs. Milo Graham, prior to her marriage was Hannah Dugger, a granddaughter of Pierre Dugger, who fought in the Revolution under General Lafayette and was killed in a duel in Virginia. By the union of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Graham there were born but three children who attained maturity: Susan, who married George Hunter; Mary, the wife of Samuel Berry, who afterwards married Simon Peters; and William D. Mrs. Graham passed away while yet quite young but he was sixty-eight years of age at the time of his demise. Mrs. Talley's maternal grandparents were Hiram Jackson and Sarah (Andrews) Rice. He was a native of Kentucky of Scotch descent, while she was born in Ma-

coupin county, her people, however, were natives of Virginia. Four children were born to them: Mary Agnes, Florence Missouri, Frank Alonzo and Clarence Robert. Dr. Graham was engaged in the practice of medicine in connection with which he conducted a drug store in Carlinville for about forty-two years. Although very young at the time of the Civil war he enlisted and went to the front, where he remained for a brief period. He was a very intellectual man, public-spirited and progressive, having high ideals of the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. He was always more or less prominently identified with municipal affairs, having served for sixteen years as alderman and one term as mayor. All educational matters found in him a strong cooperator and he gave most efficient service as a member of the board of education. His demise occurred in this city in 1906 at the age of fifty-eight years. His wife still survives and continues to make her home in Carlinville. Three children were born unto them, one daughter, now Mrs. Talley who is the eldest, and two sons, Frank and William Rice. Mr. and Mrs. Talley are the parents of one daughter, Mary Josephine. This young lady upon attaining her maturity will be entitled to membership in the Daughters of The American Revolution on both the paternal and maternal lines of ancestors. The Talleys were one of the prominent colonial families of Delaware, having furnished the country with several eminent jurists and soldiers, while Mrs. Talleys people were equally prominent in the colonial history of Virginia and Kentucky.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Talley are members of the Episcopal church, while fraternally he belongs to Orient Lodge, No. 95, K. of P. In matters politic Mr. Talley always votes the straight republican ticket at national and state elections, but for county and city offices casts an independent ballot, giving his support to those candidates he deems most likely to subserve the interests of the majority.

NEWTON H. WALKINGTON.

Newton H. Walkington, who is engaged in the cultivation of one hundred and thirty-six acres of land on section 2, North Otter township, was born in Macoupin county on the 22d of January, 1862. He is the seventh child in the family of William and Ellis (Leak) Walkington, natives of England. They were married in the mother country, whence they emigrated to the United States in 1851, and two years afterward they located in Macoupin county, Illinois. Here, the father always devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits, in which he met with a most gratifying degree of success, his holdings aggregating at the time of his death five hundred and thirty-six acres. This land was all well improved and under a high state of cultivation, being among the most valuable property of the township. To Mr. and Mrs. William Walkington eleven children were born: Fannie, who was born in England and is now the wife of William Clack, of Edgar, Nebraska; the next three, deceased; David, a resident of Greene county, Illinois; William, also deceased; Newton H., our subject; Clara, the wife of Robert S. Alderson, of Virden; Edward, who is living in Macoupin county; Charles, also a resident of Macoupin county; and Nathan, who is living

in Virden. The mother passed away on the 22d of March, 1872, and the following year the father was married to Mrs. Clara (Brady) Beason, who bore him three children: Albert, who is living in Modesto; Elsworth, who is a resident of Macoupin county; and Nellie, the wife of John Hamner, also of Macoupin county. The father died on the 9th of February, 1911.

The boyhood and youth of Newton H. Walkington were spent on the farm where he was born, his educational advantages being limited to the district schools. While engaged in the mastery of the common branches he was familiarizing himself with the best methods of cultivating the fields and caring for the stock under the capable supervision of his father, who was a successful, practical farmer. At the age of twenty-three years he rented eighty acres of land, that he cultivated for four years. At the expiration of that period he located upon eighty acres in the central part of North Otter township, which he cultivated until 1893, when he removed to the place where he is now living. Here he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, both of which are proving to be very remunerative.

For his wife and helpmate Mr. Walkington chose Miss May E. Hamner, a daughter of J. H. and Nancy Hamner, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. To Mr. and Mrs. Walkington five children have been born: Herschel, who was born on the 29th of September, 1885, and is now a resident of Sangamon county; Nora E., whose birth occurred on the 23d of April, 1887, and who is now the wife of Roy Andrews, also of Sangamon county; Minnie Ora, who was born on the 3d of February, 1890, and is living at home; Nellie Opal, who was born on the 13th of January, 1893, and is also at home; and Paul Ernest, born on the 23d of January, 1897.

The Methodist Episcopal church claims the membership of the parents, in the faith of which denomination they have reared their family while fraternally Mr. Walkington belongs to the Court of Honor and the Anti-Horse Thief Association. His political support is given to the democratic party, and he has served as township collector for one term, while for fifteen years he has been a school director. His entire life has been spent in North Otter township where he is widely known and has many friends, the majority of whom were comrades of his boyhood days.

JOHN JASPER COX.

John Jasper Cox, whose home in Virden stands upon a lot he purchased October 1, 1856, and who is one of two persons now living who settled in Virden in 1853, may truly be regarded as a pioneer. He served his country faithfully when it needed defenders during the great Rebellion and in times of peace he has ably and conscientiously performed his duty as a public-spirited citizen. He was born in Jersey county, Illinois, January 20, 1835, a son of Henry and Levisa (Utt) Cox. The father was born near Louisville, Kentucky, and the mother in Scioto county, Ohio. The father came to Jersey county, Illinois, in 1833 and four years later moved to Calhoun county where he engaged in farm-



MR. AND MRS. JOHN J. COX



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ing, becoming the owner of two hundred acres of land near Hardin. In his family were eight children, namely: William Utt, who died in California, April 27, 1904; Mary Ann, who became the wife of Myron Bacon, of Calhoun county, and is now deceased; Margaret, deceased, who married Isaac Fobal, of Calhoun county, and afterwards wedded Wilson Virden, of Virden; Canna Sada, now Mrs. John C. Read, of Jerseyville; Rebecca, the widow of Antone Fesemeyer, of Jerseyville; John J., of this review; Robert, deceased; and George W., a resident of Denver, Colorado. The mother of these children died in 1841 and two years later Mr. Cox was again married. By this union there was one son, Frank, who is now living at Batchtown, Calhoun county. The father died in 1844, about a year after his second marriage.

After the death of his parents John J. Cox became a member of the family of his uncle Jacob, with whom he continued until nineteen years of age. He possessed advantages of attendance at the common schools and as he grew to manhood became thoroughly acquainted with farm work. In the spring of 1853, soon after the construction of the Chicago & Alton Railway through Virden, he arrived in this place and began learning the blacksmith's trade, to which he was destined to devote the principal years of his life. When the Civil war overshadowed the land his patriotism was aroused and on February 1, 1862, he enlisted as a mechanic in Company F, First Illinois Light Artillery. The regiment was assigned to the Sixteenth Army Corps and in July following was transferred to the Second Brigade, Fourth Division, Fifteenth Army Corps, under General John A. Logan. Private Cox participated in twenty-two important battles of the war, among which may be named the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Iuka, Memphis, Coldwater, Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain. He was also present at the siege of Vicksburg and took part in a number of the great campaigns which finally led to the overthrow of the Confederacy. During the Atlanta campaign he was employed as an ambulance driver. He was honorably discharged at Springfield, Illinois, March 8, 1865, and returned to Virden where he resumed employment as a blacksmith under the same man with whom he was working when he enlisted in the army. On September 1, 1865, he opened a shop on his own account, which he successfully conducted for thirty years. Since 1895 he has lived retired. He owns three brick store buildings and a beautiful home in Virden, and erected a number of buildings which he disposed of, thus adding to the growth and prosperity of the community.

On the 8th of October, 1867, Mr. Cox was married to Miss Mary A. Emerson, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Hill) Emerson. She was born in Hull, England, and was three years old when brought to this country by her parents in 1850. Seven years later Mr. Emerson located in Virden, Macoupin county, and engaged in the wagon-making business, with which he was identified for many years. He died March 27, 1904, and his wife was called away September 1, 1896. They were the parents of two children, John, who is living in Virden township; and Mary A., now Mrs. John J. Cox.

In politics Mr. Cox is an earnest advocate of the republican party and while he has never sought office he has served as a member of the city council. He is identified with John Baird Post, No. 285, G. A. R., of which he was a charter member. In religious faith he is a Baptist, while his wife is a member of the

Methodist church. During many years of his active life he applied himself with great energy and he now enjoys the comforts of his wisely directed efforts. He ranks among the most respected citizens of Virden.

HI. O. CLARK.

The livery business engages the attention of Hi. O. Clark, who formerly devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits in which he met with success. He is one of Macoupin county's sons, his birth having occurred in Gillespie on the 9th of November, 1863, his parents being John J. and Melvina (Huddleston) Clark. When a lad of seven years the father migrated from Kentucky to Illinois with his parents, who located on a farm in the vicinity of Gillespie, in 1829. There the father devoted his attention to farming until his demise, which occurred before he had attained middle age. John J. Clark, who was the fourth in order of birth of the eight children born unto his parents grew to manhood on his father's farm, obtaining his education in the district schools. The other members of the family were as follows: Margaret, James, Robert, Benjamin, Joseph, Samuel and Susan, the wife of James Estabrook of Morrisonville, Illinois. When old enough to begin his independent career as an agriculturist, John J. Clark purchased forty acres of land and after clearing disposed of it and purchased an eighty acre tract. He was a successful farmer and at one time owned four hundred and sixty acres of land in Gillespie and Brushy Mound townships. During the latter years of his life he divided his holdings among his children and removed to Gillespie, where he passed away in 1903 at the age of eighty-one. The mother had died ten years previously. She was a daughter of John Huddleston and a native of Kentucky, whence she came to Illinois with her parents, who were among the pioneer settlers of Brushy Mound township. There the father acquired government land which he cleared and improved, he and the mother continuing to make their home on the farm until they passed away at a ripe old age. Their family consisted of Samuel, Melvina, Lydia, Elizabeth, Melinda, Ellen and Robert. John J. Clark was one of the highly respected and esteemed citizens of Macoupin county. In matters of religion his views coincided with the principles of the Universalist church, with which denomination he is affiliated.

To Mr. and Mrs. John J. Clark were born six sons and three daughters: Lee, who is a resident of Kansas City, Missouri; Mark W., who is living in Gillespie township; Ariet, the wife of Eugene Crawford, of Gillespie; Mc., who is living in St. Louis; Cora B., the wife of George Wilson, of Brushy Mound township; Hi. O., our subject; Schuyler C., a resident of Underwood, Washington; Nettie B., the wife of George Schmidt, of Gillespie; and Meade, who is living in Fresno, California.

The early years in the life of Hi. O. Clark were spent on the farm where he was born, his education being pursued in the district schools of the vicinity. Just prior to his marriage his father gave him some financial assistance, enabling him to purchase eighty acres of partially improved land. Here he located and for eleven years successfully engaged in the operation of his farm. In 1903 he

sold his place and removing to Gillespie went into the livery business with which he was identified for six years. Disposing of his interests there, he came to Carlinville, in August, 1909, where he has followed the same business. His stable is thoroughly equipped with a fine line of vehicles and a good grade of horses, which are well kept, enabling him to accommodate his patrons with attractive turnouts.

On the 24th of February, 1892, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Kate Combes, a daughter of Edwin S. and Julia (Snyder) Combes. Mrs. Clark was born in Hilyard township, this county, her parents being among the pioneer settlers of that vicinity. There were five children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Combes: Mary, Kate, Grace, Lloyd and Carrie, all of whom are living, as are the parents. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Clark spent their latter years in Macoupin county, having attained a ripe old age at the time of their demise. They had two sons and a daughter: Edwin, Daniel and Carrie, the wife of Abraham Richards. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Clark has been blessed by the birth of one son, Lloyd O.

Mr. Clark is an ardent advocate of the principles of the republican party, and has served as road commissioner and school director. Although he has been connected with the business circles of Carlinville but for a brief period, it has been of sufficient length for him to manifest those qualities which will enable his business to develop and prosper.

WILLIAM FEELY.

The commercial fraternity of Scottville has long numbered among its members William Feely, who was born in Cole county, Missouri, on the 12th of March, 1849. His parents were Henry and Rebecca (Wade) Feely, the father, who was a farmer, passed away in Texas in 1911, while the mother died during the early childhood of our subject.

The country schools qualified William Feely educationally for the practical responsibilities of life, while his father's farm gave him ample opportunity for acquiring a thorough knowledge of agriculture. In the early '60s he came to Macoupin county and went to work on the farm of Sergeant Gobble, in whose employment he remained for three or four years. He subsequently withdrew from agricultural pursuits and went into a store with the intention of fitting himself for a mercantile career. After clerking for twelve years he decided to go into business for himself. He was associated in this venture first with F. G. Ogg, who later sold his interest to Albert Ogg. The latter after being identified with the enterprise for five or six years disposed of his share of the business to Mr. Feely, who now for more than twenty years has been the only person interested in the establishment. He has a very good stand being located about one block east of their original site, and conducts his business very similar to a general store, but his stock consists only of drugs, groceries, hardware, queensware and boots and shoes.

For his wife Mr. Feely chose Miss Delia Gobble, a daughter of Sergeant Gobble, and to them were born two children: O. W., who is in the Modesto bank; and one who died in infancy. Mr. Feely later married Miss Emma Jackson, a daughter of John Jackson of Scottsville, and they had two children: Lela, who died in infancy; and H. D., who married Jane Dowland, a daughter of W. Dowland, and is in the store with his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Feely affiliate with the Christian church, while fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order, being a member of Scottville Lodge, No. 426, A. F. & A. M., and of the Order of the Eastern Star; he is a charter member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Scottville Camp, No. 506. He has been treasurer of the Masonic order for thirteen years and he is banker of the Woodmen. In matters politic Mr. Feely is a democrat, but his business has always absorbed too much of his time to enable him to participate in municipal activities further than to cast a ballot on election day. He is a registered pharmacist and so is able to maintain a prescription department in his store, of which he has sole charge. Mr. Feely is one of the self-made men of the county, having come here in his youth with practically no capital and through his own efforts has attained the position he holds today.

CHRISTOPHER R. ADEN.

Christopher R. Aden, for many years identified with the agricultural interests of Macoupin county, but now engaged in the grain business in Carlinville, was born in St. Francois county, Missouri, on the 25th of June, 1849. His parents were Christopher and Elizabeth (Philips) Aden, natives of North Carolina, but in the paternal line he is of German extraction, his grandfather having emigrated to the United States from the fatherland in colonial days. He located on a farm in North Carolina, ever proving a loyal citizen to the country of his adoption whose interests he defended during the Revolutionary war. Christopher Aden came to Missouri from his native state in the pioneer days, settling on a farm in the vicinity of Farmington, St. Francois county, where for many years he was identified with agricultural pursuits. There the mother passed away about 1871, at the age of fifty years, the father, however, survived until 1908, his demise occurring after he had passed the ninetieth milestone on life's journey. Both were earnest members of the Baptist church and he was prominently connected with the political life of the township and held various minor offices. He took up arms in defense of his country in the second war with Great Britain, at which time he was still a resident of North Carolina. To Mr. and Mrs. Aden were born five children, two of whom survive: John, who is a resident of Chadwick, Missouri; and Christopher, our subject. The mother was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Philips, the latter, prior to her marriage having been a Miss Parks, both of whom passed their latter days in St. Francois county. He was a veteran of the war of 1812.

Until he had attained the age of fifteen years Christopher R. Aden was a member of the parental household, attending the district schools of the vicinity

in the acquirement of his education, at the same time giving much assistance in the cultivation of the home farm. In 1864 he left home and coming to Illinois obtained employment on a farm north of Greenfield. He became a resident of this state in the month of March and for several years thereafter worked as a farm hand, during which time he managed to save enough from his meager salary to enable him to buy forty acres of land in Western Mound township, which he improved and cultivated with excellent success. As time passed he was able to extend the boundaries of his farm until he owned one hundred and sixty-four acres of productive land, all in a high state of cultivation. He continued to reside there until 1892 when he disposed of his holdings and removed to Carlinville, following business of teaming for a time. In 1904 he embarked in the grain business with which he has ever since been identified. His efforts have been rewarded in a most substantial manner and in addition to his home and elevator, he owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Bird township.

In 1870 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Aden and Miss Susan Chisam, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Johnson) Chisam. Of this union there were born two children, Arthur and Myrtle. The son, who chose for his wife Miss Emma Riefenberg, is engaged in business with his father, while the daughter became the wife of Ellsworth Williams. Mrs. Aden was born in Macoupin county, but her parents were natives of Tennessee, whence they came in the pioneer days to Illinois, both spending their latter days in this county, where the paternal grandfather, James Chisam located in 1831. Both the Johnson and the Chisam families were early settlers of Macoupin county, Mrs. Aden's grandparents all having located here, continuing to make it their home until they passed away.

The Christian church holds the membership of Mr. and Mrs. Alden, and politically he is a republican. His interest in municipal affairs has always been active and helpful, and for twelve years he was justice of the peace and a school director for sixteen, while he once served as highway commissioner. Mr. Aden has always invested his time and energy in the best possible manner and as the result he is now one of the prosperous and affluent citizens of Carlinville, which fact brings him the greater satisfaction because of the realization that his means have all been acquired through his own independent and intelligently directed efforts.

LEWIS JUDD.

One of the pioneer settlers of Carlinville, who was a prominent factor in the commercial and industrial development of the town, was the late Lewis Judd. He was born in Fulton, New York, on the 3d of March, 1825, and was a son of Merritt R. and Sallie (Rush) Judd, the father being a native of Connecticut and the mother of the state of New York. They were the parents of four sons: Lewis, George, James and Theodore. The latter, now the only surviving member of the family, is a resident of Hot Springs, Arkansas. Merritt R. Judd was a local Methodist preacher. He came to Macoupin county about 1850 and for many years thereafter conducted services in the old Methodist church here as well as in the surrounding country. While preaching in Brighton, he acquired

a farm near by in the cultivation of which he engaged for many years. He finally removed to Carlinville, engaging in the lumber business with his son Lewis, and there he was residing at the time of his demise in 1886, at the age of eighty-six years. His wife passed away in 1863, when she was sixty-five years old. Mr. Judd always took an active interest in all political affairs, giving his support to the democratic party. The family is of English extraction and dates back to Colonial days, its various members always having been loyal, patriotic citizens.

Lewis Judd was reared in Fulton county, New York, obtaining his education in the seminary at Cazenovia, that state. After his marriage he came to Illinois, locating in Edwardsville, where he studied medicine under Dr. Edward Weer, who at that time was a well known and prominent physician in that section. Later he practiced with Dr. Weer for a time, meeting with very good success, his professional future appearing to be quite promising, when at the earnest solicitation of his brother George he gave up his career as a physician to engage in business. Mr. George Judd, formerly superintendent of construction of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, by which company Lewis Judd had also at one time been employed, was then freight and ticket agent at Carlinville, being the first person to fill that position here. Recognizing the commercial possibilities the town afforded, he was most anxious to avail himself of them and was desirous to have his brother join him. They started the first lumber yard in Carlinville in 1855, but after operating it for a time George Judd disposed of his interest to his father, the business being continued under the firm name of Lewis & M. R. Judd. In 1873 the father retired, selling his holdings to his son Lewis, who was identified with the business for twenty years thereafter. Owing to the state of his health in 1893 Mr. Judd was forced to withdraw from commercial activities and sold his lumber yard to Daniel MacNett. In less than a year thereafter he passed away on the 3d of February, 1894, at the age of sixty-nine years.

Mr. Judd was married in Cleveland, Oswego county, New York, in July, 1852, to Miss Sarahette Elizabeth Martin, a daughter of Christopher and Martha (Johnson) Martin. The father, a veteran of the war of 1812, was a native of Vermont whence he came by private conveyance to the state of New York in the early part of the century. He was a local Methodist preacher and built the first church of that denomination in Cleveland, New York, where he resided for many years. He passed away at the age of eighty-four years, while the mother reached an age of eighty-two years. To Mr. and Mrs. Martin were born five children, one son and four daughters. The former, Otis Martin, was unmarried when he died in his early manhood. The daughters of the family were: Martha, Sarahette Elizabeth, Mary Elvira and Sophia. The second in order of birth, who later became Mrs. Lewis Judd, was born and reared in Cleveland, New York, where, after the completion of her education, she very successfully engaged in the millinery business until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Judd came west on their wedding tour; taking the boat at Buffalo they came to Chicago by way of the lakes, thence by stage to Brighton, where they visited his parents. They subsequently went to Alton and later to Edwardsville, where they continued to reside until they came to Carlinville. Mr. and Mrs. Judd were the parents of two daughters, Martha Elvira and Elizabeth M., both of whom grew up at Carlinville. After the completion of the public school course they attended Blackburn University.

Miss Martha, later going to the Wesleyan Female College at Cincinnati, and Miss Elizabeth to the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois. They had the misfortune to lose their mother while yet in their early womanhood, her demise occurring in 1872, at the age of forty-six.

Miss Martha Judd is an active member of the American Women's League, having been one of the organizers of the Carlinville chapter, of which she is a charter member. When they were ready to erect their building, she donated the land for the purpose, it being a portion of the old family homestead. She is also an earnest and helpful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, the work of which organization she always assists in forwarding.

In matters religious both Mr. and Mrs. Judd affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church, in the faith of which denomination they had been reared. The Carlinville of today bears little resemblance to the village they located in during the '50s. When Mr. Judd built his family residence on East Main street, it was in a section from which the timber had been cleared but two or three years previously, and he built the first sidewalk from there down to the courthouse square. Mr. Judd lived to witness many of the changes that he had helped to bring about, seeing the old frame business buildings give way to substantial, modern structures, beautiful churches erected and attractive residences built. Probably his greatest delight was in witnessing the inauguration of an excellent public school system. He had always been a great student and took an active interest in educational matters, having served for some years during the pioneer days as school commissioner, in which capacity he handled large sums of money. He was a man of modest manner, quiet and unobtrusive; yet in his unassuming way he did much for the public welfare; his high ideals, business standards and incorruptible integrity assured him to be held in high esteem and he is mourned sincerely.

JACOB KLOOS.

Jacob Kloos has been identified with the shoe business in Carlinville, in the capacity of either shoemaker or dealer, for forty-three years. He was born in Darmstadt, Hessen, Germany, on the 22d of September, 1846, and is a son of George and Katharine (Schwatz) Kloos. The father was a wagon maker and later a farmer in the old country, where he spent his entire life, his death occurring in Rosbach, Germany, in 1898, at about the age of eighty years. The mother had passed away seven or eight years previously, being at the time about seventy. Both were members of the Lutheran church. Little is known of the grandparents on either side save that they were engaged in agricultural pursuits and always lived in the fatherland. Six children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. George Kloos, as follows: George; Wilhelm; Katherina, the widow of August Kratz; Anna, the wife of George Frink; Jacob, our subject, and Christian, who died at the age of seven years.

Jacob Kloos was reared in the parental home, acquiring his education in the common schools of the old country. When he was fifteen years old, it was deemed that he had sufficient knowledge to qualify him for the heavier re-

sponsibilities of life, so laying aside his text-books he apprenticed himself to a shoemaker. He was most anxious to become a citizen of the United States and carefully saved his money until he had acquired the amount necessary to pay for his passage. Upon his arrival in this country in 1866, he first located in New Jersey, where he resided for nearly two years, then came to Carlinville and here he has ever since continuously lived. In July, 1880, he extended the scope of his activities by putting in a stock of boots and shoes, but in connection with this he continues his repairing and shoemaking departments.

It was on the 2d of October, 1872, that Mr. Kloos was married to Miss Anna Lavorer, a daughter of Matthias Lavorer. Mrs. Kloos is a native of Bohemia, Austria, her birth having there occurred on the 21st of May, 1854. She emigrated to the United States when a child of six years with her parents, who located on a farm near Carlinville and there they passed away, the mother at the age of sixty-six and the father when about eighty. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lavorer there were born three sons and four daughters: Joseph; Matthias; Anna, now Mrs. Kloos; Katherina, the wife of Jacob Hoehn; Ella, who has never married; Agnes, who is deceased, the wife of Henry Paul; and one son who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Kloos affiliate with the German Evangelical church, and fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Ever since granted the right of franchise by naturalization Mr. Kloos has cast his ballot in support of the candidates of the republican party. He has never aspired to public honors, always having devoted his attention to his business in the development of which he has met with a gratifying degree of success.

CHARLEY GILLMAN.

Charley Gillman, whose demise occurred in Carlinville on the 17th of April, 1903, was successfully engaged in business as a dry goods merchant throughout his active career. His birth occurred in Germany on the 5th of May, 1843, his parents being Andrew and Mary Elsie Gillman, who were likewise natives of that country. The father, who was a shepherd in Germany, emigrated to the United States about 1849, locating five miles north of Carlinville, where he engaged in farming and also devoted considerable attention to the raising of sheep. The last few years of his life were spent in Carlinville. He passed away when more than sixty years of age and the demise of his wife occurred several years later. Both were Lutherans in religious faith. Unto them were born eight children, as follows: Henrietta, Henry, Christina, Wilhelmina, Frank, Charley and Dina, all of whom grew to maturity and reared families; and a son who died in early life.

Charley Gillman was brought to this country when about six years of age and spent the remainder of his life in Macoupin county. He was reared on his father's farm and obtained his early education in the district schools, subsequently attending Blackburn University. After putting aside his text-books he embarked in the dry-goods business, with which he was identified until called



CHARLEY GILLMAN

to his final rest, his store being located on the east side of the square. He was first associated in business with Henry Johnson and later became a partner of Henry Chipeno. In the conduct of his mercantile interests he won a gratifying measure of prosperity, being widely recognized as one of the substantial and representative business men and citizens of the community.

Mr. Gillman was twice married, his first wife bearing the maiden name of Mary Hauer, by whom he had five children, three of whom reached mature years. Charley acts as traveling salesman for a shoe house in Houston, Texas, where he makes his home. He wedded Miss Anna Brockmeier and has three sons: Charley, Brock and Francis. Wilhelmina Gillman lives with her step-mother. Louis is employed as a bookkeeper in St. Joseph, Michigan. He wedded Miss Thelia Anderson and has one daughter, Lucile. Mrs. Mary (Hauer) Gillman passed away in December, 1887, and on the 6th of February, 1889, Mr. Gillman was again married, his second union being with Miss Emma Breymann, a native of Carlinville and a daughter of William and Louise (Lindemann) Breymann, who were born in Germany and took up their abode among the early settlers of Carlinville, Illinois. William Breymann, who was a carpenter by trade, there passed away when more than forty years of age. His wife, who survived him, was called to her final rest on the 5th of April, 1911, at the age of eighty-seven years. Their children were six in number, namely: William, Augusta, Frederick, Carolina, Emma and Louise. Mr. and Mrs. Gillman had four children: Marie, who gave her hand in marriage to Richard Dunn, of Carlinville; and Flora, Lieda and Lambert, all at home.

In politics Mr. Gillman was a democrat. He acted as mayor of Carlinville for one term and for several terms served as a member of the school board. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, to which his widow also belongs. He passed away on the 17th of April, 1903, one month prior to his sixtieth birthday. Mrs. Gillman, who resides at No. 706 E. Main street in Carlinville, is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community in which her entire life has been spent.

J. D. ALDERSON.

Although J. D. Alderson, one of the highly respected citizens of Virden, is a native of Morgan county, he has spent nearly his entire life in Macoupin county, having been brought by his parents to Elm Grove when he was nine months old. He comes of good Southern stock and was born December 18, 1835, a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Clack) Alderson, the former of whom was born in Tennessee and the latter in Kentucky. The father came to Illinois in the '20s, riding in a two-wheeled cart which was drawn by a blind mare, and stopped for a time in Morgan county, Illinois, where he made rails at twenty-five cents per hundred. In 1835 he settled at Elm Grove, Macoupin county, where he entered forty acres of government land, to which he added as his resources permitted until he owned one hundred and sixty acres. When he located here deer and wild game of all

kinds abounded on the prairies and wolves were often heard howling at night. About 1847 he disposed of his place and bought three hundred and forty acres upon which he established his home. After his children were grown and scattered in different parts of the country he sold his farm and went to Cherokee county, Kansas, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres. He died on his Kansas farm February 11, 1883, his wife having passed away in March, 1880. Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Alderson, namely: James, deceased; W. C., who makes his home at Virden; J. D., of this review; Samuel, who died in infancy; Reuben, also deceased; Warner, who lives at Carl Junction, Missouri; Sarah, the widow of Benjamin Higler, of Macoupin county; Mary, deceased; Nancy J., the wife of F. J. Coonrod, of Idaho; Robert, of Macoupin county; Arthur, who went to Oklahoma and is now deceased; Martha, who became the wife of John Simms, of Morgan county, and is now deceased; and Lydia, who married F. A. Jackson, of Cherokee, Kansas.

Advantages of education were secured under greater difficulties in the rural districts of Illinois previous to the Civil war than under the present favorable conditions. As a boy J. D. Alderson was obliged to walk four miles to the district school and the schoolmaster ruled with the rod and not by moral suasion. The growing lad assisted his father on the home farm until eighteen years of age. He was then married and during the first winter after that happy event he hauled rails with two yoke of oxen and he and his father fenced forty acres of land. In the following spring he rented land on his own account and raised a crop, his wife assisting by dropping corn which he covered with a plow. He sold his crop in the field and then purchased forty acres of land at twenty dollars per acre. He disposed of this land at twenty-five dollars per acre and invested his money in one hundred acres at twenty dollars an acre. A year later he sold his property at an advance of five dollars per acre and bought one hundred acres. After losing two crops he traded his land for forty acres which he owned for eight years, acquiring additional property until his land holdings amounted to one hundred and thirty acres. He sold out and bought two hundred and forty acres on the edge of Sangamon county, later acquiring eighty acres in Macoupin county upon which he lived for twelve years. He gave two of his sons eighty acres apiece and disposed of the balance, after which he bought two hundred and forty acres in Macoupin county, which he owned for twenty years. In October, 1890, he moved to Virden where he has since made his home. He bought thirty acres in the eastern part of town, upon which one of his sons resides. The father is now living in a beautiful home which occupies three city lots and is in the enjoyment of comfort and ease as the result of many years of well directed effort.

On the 5th of October, 1854, Mr. Alderson was married to Miss Sarah Nevins, a daughter of A. S. and Margaret (Steel) Nevins. To this union nine children were born, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: William A., a resident of Virden; Charles A., who makes his home in Macoupin county; Robert, also of Virden; Ida B., deceased; Amy A., the widow of Horace Campbell, of Virden; Laura, who is the widow of John Armstrong, of Jacksonville, Illinois; Arthur, a physician of Thayer, Illinois; and Louis, deceased. The mother of these children died in 1881 and Mr. Alderson was married March 29, 1882, to Miss Mary Clarke. Three children were born to this union: Roy Rus-

sell, who is now living at Eureka Springs, Arkansas; O. C., of Lafayette, Colorado; and Mattie L., at home.

Politically Mr. Alderson has for many years been a supporter of the democratic party but never through any desire for office as his principal interest has centered in his business and his family. He has been identified with this section of the state during all his active life and has always responded promptly to every movement which aimed to advance the general welfare of the county. He is connected with the Christian church, is one of the oldest members at Virden and was selected, with his grandson, John Campbell, ten years of age, the youngest member of the church, to turn the first sod for the foundation of the new church building in Virden, which is being erected at a cost of about twenty thousand dollars. The ceremony took place on Sunday, June 18, 1911, at seven P. M., before a large gathering of people. The exercises were held out of doors, the ministers of the various denominations assisting in the services, and proved highly interesting and impressive.

THOMAS B. RICHARDSON.

Thomas B. Richardson, a retired farmer, residing at 431 East First South street, Carlinville, is a representative of one of Macoupin county's pioneer families, who for more than seventy years were prominently identified with the agricultural development of Chesterfield township. The eldest child to John and Martha (Ronksley) Richardson, his birth occurred on the parental homestead in Chesterfield township on the 23d of April, 1844. His parents were both natives of England, the father having been the second of the three sons born to Robert and Harriet (Moody) Richardson. Robert Richardson died during the early childhood of his boys and his widow later married John Birkby. Subsequently John Richardson and his brothers Thomas and Robert emigrated to the United States with their mother and step-father, who settled on a farm in Morgan county, Illinois. There he grew to manhood, completing his education in the district schools of the vicinity while mastering the principles of agriculture. He began to work for himself about 1832 or 1833 when he removed to Chesterfield township and farmed as a renter for two or three years. His activities proved to be so lucrative that at the expiration of that period he was able to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of land. Unremitting energy, thrift and capable management made it possible for John Richardson to extend his holdings until they aggregated three hundred and eighteen acres. He had cleared and placed under cultivation all of this land, which at the time of his death was classed among the valuable property of the township. Mrs. Richardson died in 1881, at the age of fifty-six years, and after her death the father removed to Medora, where his demise occurred in 1907, after he had passed the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey. The mother was a daughter of Thomas Ronksley of England, who early emigrated to the United States with his family. He located near Jacksonville, Morgan county, this state, where for some years he operated a blacksmith shop. Later he removed to Chesterfield township,

Macoupin county, continuing to follow his trade until age compelled his retirement. He was thrice married. His first wife died in Chesterfield township, and to them were born two daughters: Martha, the mother of our subject; and Elizabeth, who remained in England. His second wife was Miss Ellen Thornton, while for his third companion he chose a widow, Mrs. Teague.

Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson were the parents of eight children, six of whom attained maturity: Thomas B., our subject; John, who is a resident of Medora, Illinois; Mary Ann, the deceased wife of Henry Doughty; Genevra, also deceased, who became the wife of James Searles; Priscilla, the late wife of F. A. Sannebeck; William, of Chesterfield township; Harriet, who died at the age of two years; and Elizabeth whose demise occurred when she was three years old. Being conformists, the parents always affiliated with the Episcopal church. Mr. Richardson was ever interested in promoting the welfare of the community where he resided, but never chose to play a prominent part in political life, his official service being confined to the position of school director.

It was on his father's farm in Chesterfield township that Thomas B. Richardson learned how to till the fields and care for the stock. His early years did not differ save in details from those of other lads of the community, his education being pursued in the district schools, where he continued to study until he had mastered the common branches. He remained at home with his people until attaining his majority, when true to the highest principles of patriotism he responded to the call of the nation's chief and in February, 1865, went to the front in Company I, One hundred and Fifty-Second Illinois Infantry. He served until the close of the war, being mustered out in April. After the close of hostilities he returned home and in the ensuing autumn began preparations for establishing a home of his own. He cleared forty acres of land that had belonged to his father from whom he also rented some cleared land, all of which he placed under cultivation. He continued to reside there until 1889, then removed to a place containing sixty acres that he bought, located just south of Chesterfield. The cultivation of this property engaged his energies until November 1st, 1907, when he disposed of it and removed to Excelsior Springs, Missouri. After having lived there for six months he returned to Macoupin county, purchasing a nice residence that had just been completed in Carlinville, where he has ever since resided.

On the 17th of December, 1865, Mr. Richardson was married to Miss Martha Dowland, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Edwards) Dowland. To them were born four children: Levi, Joseph, who is a farmer in Chesterfield township, married Alice Gracy, now deceased, for his first wife, his second union being with Mary Maska, who has borne him two children, Albert and Esther. John Thomas, who is a deputy United States revenue collector in St. Louis, Missouri, married Christa Bauer, and they have three children: Anita, Russell and Cecil, the last two twins. Martha Genevra, the only daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, died soon after passing the second anniversary of her birth. Horace James, an osteopathic physician in Colorado Springs, married Nina Maloney and they have one son, Horace Edward. On the 1st of March, 1882, Mr. Richardson was married the second time to Miss Martha Moody, who was born in Chariton county, Missouri, on the 5th of October, 1859. Mrs. Richardson is a daughter of James and Frances (Davis) Moody, natives of Somersetshire,

England, who early located near Chapin, Morgan county, Illinois. There the father died on the 3d of July, 1887, having passed the age of fifty-six years. The mother survived until 1902, her demise occurring at Jacksonville, Illinois, when she was more than seventy-two. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Moody: Mrs. Richardson, William Richard, Clara Jane and Frances. Mrs. Richardson's paternal grandparents were Austin and Jane (Perrett) Moody, while her mother was a daughter of William and Ann (Moody) Davis. The union of Mr. Richardson and his present wife has been blessed by the birth of two daughters, Myrtle and Olive.

The Christian denomination claims the church affiliation of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, while his only fraternal connection is with the Masonic order, his local membership being in Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M. Politically he gives his earnest support to the prohibition party, thus publicly voicing his sentiments on the liquor question. He is a man of high standards regarding the responsibility of citizenship and has ever striven to live up to his ideals, his honorable life and upright principles having won for him the respect of his community.

WESLEY A. PARKE.

Wesley A. Parke, who comes of good Revolutionary and pioneer stock and has for a number of years past been engaged in business at Staunton, is a native of Unionville, New Jersey. He was born December 6, 1847, a son of Abram B. and Sarah Ann (Hoffman) Parke, the former of whom was born in Washington, Warren county, New Jersey, December 24, 1819. The grandfather of our subject was John Parke, a native of Hunterdon county, New Jersey, and a son of Ozias Parke, of Maryland, who moved to Hunterdon county and died there at the advanced age of ninety-five years. His father was a soldier in the patriot army at the time of the Revolutionary war. Ozias Parke was a member of the state militia of New Jersey and assisted against the British in the war of 1812. John Parke was married in New Jersey in 1818 to Charlotte Bryan. They emigrated to Ohio and spent eight years in Logan and Auglaize counties, then going to Madison county, Illinois. Mr. Parke remained two years in this state and then returned to Ohio, where he died at the age of seventy-five. His wife continued her residence in Madison county where she spent the remainder of her days.

Abram B. Parke, father of our subject, grew to manhood in his native state and was married in Morris county, New Jersey, to Sarah Ann Hoffman, who was born in that county, October 31, 1816. She was of German descent, being a daughter of Nicholas and Anne (Youngs) Hoffman, who spent a large part of their lives upon a farm in New Jersey, both passing away at the age of seventy-five years. William Youngs, one of the great-grandfathers of our subject, was also a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Abram B. Parke came with his family to Illinois and located on a farm in the vicinity of Worden, Madison county. He devoted his attention largely to farming and also served as postmaster of Moultonville for eleven or twelve years. In 1875 he removed to Macoupin county, estab-

lishing his home upon sections 21 and 28 of Staunton township. There he lived until 1901 when he moved to Staunton. He died three years later and was buried in Spangle cemetery, near his old home in Madison county. His wife died in 1910 and is buried beside her husband. In their family were ten children, all of whom are deceased except the subject of this review and Charlotte A., who was born June 30, 1842. The others were: Mary J., born July 26, 1843; John, born February 19, 1845; Alfred, born May 23, 1846; Eveline M. C., born November 19, 1849; Elias T., born September 29, 1851; Albert, born November 21, 1853; Louise, born September 27, 1856; and George, born September 14, 1858.

Wesley A. Parke, the fifth in order of birth in his father's family, was brought to Illinois early in life and received his preliminary education in the schools of Madison county. He continued at home until eighteen years of age and then began working for the farmers of the neighborhood. In 1874 he returned home and in 1875 came with his parents and other members of the family to Macoupin county. In 1880 he began farming on his own account in Staunton township, continuing until 1901, when he purchased fifty acres in section 19. He platted twenty acres of his farm and founded the village of Parksville and has disposed of all the lots in the village except fifteen. The remaining thirty acres of his place is devoted to truck farming. He is also the owner of a feed store.

In 1882 Mr. Parke was married to Miss Amanda E. Coalson, a native of Staunton, and they have three children. Grace Blanch, the eldest, is a graduate of the Staunton high school and the commercial college at Litchfield. She is now a stenographer and resides in St. Louis, Missouri. Myrtle Beatrice was graduated at the Staunton high school and Eureka College at Eureka, Illinois. She entered the ministry of the Christian church and for three years past has had charge of the congregation at Carlock, Illinois. Clarence Winifred is living at home.

Mr. Parke originally gave his support to the republican party but later changed his allegiance and voted the democratic ticket. His study of political and social questions led him to adopt the cause of prohibition of which he is now an earnest advocate. His wife and children are consistent members of the Christian church. He takes a vital interest in the development of the region with which he is identified and in his various relations with his fellow men has won their entire confidence and respect. Through life he has felt the stimulus of a worthy ambition and the position he holds in the community is evidence that his example of sincerity and rectitude has not been in vain, for nothing so appeals to the hearts of young and old as the simple lesson of an upright character.

LEONARD ERASTUS ROSS.

Leonard Erastus Ross, for the past eleven years identified with the mercantile interests of Carlinville as a member of the firm of Fanning & Ross, clothing dealers, is a native of Macoupin county. He was born on the 11th of September, 1870, and is a son of Erastus H. and Elizabeth L. (Pockington) Ross, the father a native of Morgan county, Illinois, and the mother of this county. When a

child Erastus H. Ross came to Macoupin county with his parents, who first located on a farm but later removed to Carlinville. There the paternal grandfather, Thomas Ross, served one term as sheriff and there he died at the age of 49 of cholera. Later the family removed to a farm in South Palmyra township. His wife survived him for some years, her demise occurring at the age of seventy. They were both natives of Tennessee. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ross numbered the following children, namely: Jane, Woodford, Will, Erastus, Charlotte, John, Sallie, Mary and Joseph, all of whom were reared on the homestead in South Palmyra township.

When ready to begin life for himself Erastus H. Ross naturally decided to follow agricultural pursuits, for which he had become ably qualified under the capable supervision of his father. After engaging in farming for several years he removed to Carlinville to assume the management of the Carlinville Cooperative Association, a position he retained for twenty-seven years. Here he passed away in 1901, at the age of sixty-seven years, being survived by his wife, who is a daughter of James and Mary Pockington, natives of England. They emigrated to the United States from the mother country during the pioneer days of Illinois, locating in South Palmyra township, this county, where Mr. Pockington engaged in agricultural pursuits. Both lived to attain a ripe old age. They were the parents of two children, Mrs. Ross and Wesley. By the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Erastus H. Ross there were born three daughters and two sons: Martha A., the wife of Rev. C. F. Wilson, now of Oneida, Illinois; Mary A., who married R. S. Hemphill, of Carlinville; Amelia Florence, the wife of G. F. Fanning, also of Carlinville; Thomas P., a resident of the same place; and Leonard E., our subject. The father was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, with which the mother continues to be affiliated, striving to exemplify its principles in her daily life.

Although born in the country, Leonard Erastus Ross has been a resident of Carlinville from the age of two years. He attended the public schools until after he was graduated from the high school, when he pursued an advanced course at Blackburn University. Following this he taught in the district schools for two years, and was later graduated from Brown's Business College at Jacksonville, Illinois. He then began his practical business training as a clerk in the Cooperative Store, under the supervision of his father. He remained there for several years, acquiring a good comprehensive knowledge of commercial methods and mercantile principles. In 1900 he became associated with his brother-in-law, G. F. Fanning, in the establishment of a clothing store, which they have since conducted under the firm name of Fanning & Ross, and theirs is one of the representative mercantile concerns of the city.

On the 6th of June, 1894, occurred the marriage of Mr. Ross and Miss Rosa Solomon, a daughter of Francis M. and Margaret (Lowery) Solomon. She was born on the parental homestead in North Palmyra township, where she grew to womanhood, attending the Palmyra high school. The course therein pursued was later supplemented by further study at Blackburn University. Mrs. Ross belongs to one of the old families of the county, her paternal grandfather, Lewis Solomon, having many years ago been judge of the court of Macoupin county. Francis M. Solomon passed away in 1910, at the age of seventy-two years. He

had a number of brothers and sisters, among those surviving are John and La-Fayette Solomon; Mrs. D. Smith, of Palmyra; and Mrs. Lou Mills, of Modesto; Allen D.; and Mrs. Gatchell. Mrs. Ross is also quite widely connected in this county through the maternal grandparents, who had a large family. Her mother is still living and now makes her home in the village of Palmyra. There are only two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Solomon, Judson and Mrs. Ross. Mr. and Mrs. Ross have one son, Wendell Erastus.

They are both active and earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Ross is the treasurer, while fraternally he affiliates with the Knights of Pythias. His political prerogatives he exercises in support of the principles of the democratic party, for whose candidates he always casts his ballot. He is one of Macoupin county's capable business men and a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family.

GEORGE C. WALTON.

George C. Walton, now deceased, who for many years was well known as a farmer of Macoupin county, was born in Honey Point township, March 12, 1855. He was a son of George Walton, who was born in Staffordshire, England, and on the 4th of January, 1829, married Anna Lippitt at Birmingham, England, both of them being of good English stock. They emigrated to America in 1831 and for two years Mr. Walton engaged in the gold refining business at New York city. Believing that more favorable conditions existed in the west, he came to Illinois with his wife in 1833 and took up eighty acres of government land in Honey Point township, Macoupin county, east of Carlinville. Later he purchased three hundred acres in Shaws Point township and in 1872 acquired eighty-four acres on section 1, Brushy Mound township, where he established his homestead. He died May 1, 1884, and is buried on the old home farm. He was for more than fifty years a resident of Macoupin county and gained acknowledged standing as one of its most respected citizens. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Walton were seven children: Harriett, who married Thomas Morgan, a farmer of this county, both of whom are deceased; Jane, who married Peter Rose, who also engaged in farming in Macoupin county, both having passed away; Sarah, of Carlinville, the widow of Samuel Huddleston, a farmer of Brushy Mound township; William, who is deceased; Emmer, the wife of Dennis Murphy, who is engaged in farming near Nilwood; Cecelia, who married James Rose, a farmer of Palmyra, both of whom died seventeen years ago within a week of each other; and George C., of this review.

After completing his preliminary education in the district schools, George C. Walton attended Blackburn University at Carlinville and then gave his attention to the home place, remaining with his parents until after his marriage. He was then presented by his father with the farm of eighty-four acres on section 1, Honey Point township, and took up his home there, showing an energy and efficiency in his business that produced substantial annual returns. He was a general farmer and, as he had been thoroughly trained in the most acceptable



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methods of agriculture and stock-raising and took a lively interest in his work, he gained a place as one of the most progressive men in the township.

On November 4, 1878, Mr. Walton married Miss Mary Emma Lawrence, only daughter of James P. and Elizabeth (Kell) Lawrence, and by this union eight children were born. James Herbert married Cecelia Slutts, of Belleville, Kansas. They have two children: Leland, who was born October 24, 1907; and Mary, born October 9, 1909. Elizabeth May is the wife of Fred C. Bangert, a farmer of Carlinville township. They have one child, George Philip, who was born April 8, 1908. Luella is now living with her mother. Mary is the wife of David Oller, a clerk in a mercantile establishment of Litchfield. They have one child, David Francis, who was born June 9, 1909. Viana and Carrie both died in infancy. George W. has arrived at the age of twenty years and is living at home. McKinley is seventeen years old and is also living at home. He was named after President William McKinley, of whom the father was a great admirer.

Mr. Walton died at the home place September 28, 1901, being then in the forty-seventh year of his age and in the height of his usefulness. His demise occasioned general regret in a wide region with which he had been familiar from his boyhood. Politically he gave his support to the republican party. He took an active part in public affairs and served as highway commissioner two terms, township supervisor two terms and for thirteen years as member of the board of directors of district No. 72, Brushy Mound township. He was a sincere believer in the Bible and an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Shaws Point township. Fraternally he was identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Court of Honor of Womac. After the death of her husband Mrs. Walton moved to Carlinville with her children, but five months later returned to the farm, where she has since lived. On December 3, 1904, she was married to John Kelly, a son of a veteran of the Civil war, who was born in Ireland. Mr. Kelly has charge of the home farm, which he is cultivating to excellent advantage. Mrs. Kelly and her daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Shaws point township except Mary, who belongs to the Christian church at Litchfield. The mother is also connected with the Mutual Protective League of Womac and can claim a host of friends in a region where she has been favorably known for many years.

JOHN HENRY STEAD.

John Henry Stead, who is numbered among the highly respected citizens of Macoupin county, was born in Nilwood township August 7, 1857, on the farm on which he now lives. He is a lifelong resident of the county, and by his industry, application and clear judgment has gained the confidence of his associates and the respect of the entire community. He is a son of David and Mary A. (Boston) Stead, the former of whom was born in England and the later in Indiana. On the maternal side he is descended from Beverly Boston, a native of Virginia.

In the district schools of Macoupin county John H. Stead acquired his early education which he has largely broadened by reading and an intelligent observation of men and events. In 1878, he began farming for himself on the home place, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres, and has applied himself without interruption to his calling to the present time. Years ago he established a reputation as one of the competent and successful farmers of the county. He is a dealer in live stock and also feeds stock to good advantage for the market. In addition to his agricultural interests, he is a stockholder in the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company, the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, and was actively identified with the Grange store at Girard.

On the 15th of October, 1879, Mr. Stead was married in Nilwood township to Miss Alice V. McBride, a native of Girard. She is a daughter of Thomas W. and Marjorie A. (Wiggins) McBride, the former of whom was born in Tennessee and the latter in Kentucky. On the paternal side, she descends from one of the oldest families of Virginia. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stead: Minnie Dorles, who married J. D. Stutzman, of Girard, and has one son, John; and Esther Vivian, who is at home.

Fraternally, Mr. Stead is connected with Girard Lodge No. 171, A. F. & A. M., and has filled all the chairs in this organization. He is also identified with Lodge No. 132, R. A. M., of which he is master of the veil, and of Peach Tree Lodge, No. 633, M. W. A. He is interested in all efforts to promote the welfare of this section and holds membership in the Farmers' Protective League and the Anti-Horse Thief Association. He is a valued member of the Christian church, in which he has served for a number of years past as elder. He has many friends in Macoupin county who admire him not only for his energy and success in business but on account of his genial and friendly manner and his sterling characteristics of mind and heart.

JOSEPH DODSON.

Among the many influential and public-spirited citizens of Macoupin county must be numbered Joseph Dodson, who has been prominently and successfully identified with the development of many of the leading enterprises of Shipman, where he has long been a resident. His birth occurred in Booneville, Cooper county, Missouri, on the 17th of October, 1840, his parents being Eli and Mary Ann (Williams) Dodson.

The Dodsons were among the pioneer settlers of Ohio. The paternal grandfather, Major Dodson, emigrated from England to America during the latter years of the eighteenth century. Upon his arrival in this country he acquired a large tract of land in Ohio, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death and reared his family, which contained five sons and four daughters. Two of his sons, Elijah and Ezekiel, entered the ministry of the Baptist church. They moved from Ohio to Illinois, first locating in Greene county, where for many years they preached among the pioneer settlements. Elijah Dodson subsequently came to Macoupin county, continuing to follow his calling wherever

his services seemed to be needed most. He founded the first Baptist church of Carlinville, which was organized on the 10th of May, 1835, and long thereafter ministered to the spiritual needs of its congregation. Eli, the father of our subject, was a son of Major Dodson, his birth having occurred on the old homestead in Ohio on the 19th of December, 1805. There he was educated and reared to manhood. When ready to set out for himself he came to Illinois, locating in Greene county, as had his brothers. There he met and subsequently married Miss Mary Ann Williams, at that time a resident of Upper Alton, Illinois, but a daughter of Kentucky, her natal day having been the 1st of November, 1809. She was left an orphan by the death of her father, who was killed in one of the Indian wars, and was reared by Mr. Stead Steadman of Shipman township, Macoupin county. After his marriage Mr. Dodson removed to Missouri with his family, locating in Booneville about 1837. Residing there for nine years he went to Harrisonville, Cass county, Missouri, where he established a general merchandise business, which he conducted until 1856. Disposing of his enterprise, he came to Woodburn, Macoupin county, where he engaged in the same business with most gratifying results. In 1860 he constructed a grist mill in Woodburn that he operated for a year and then sold. He also disposed of his mercantile interests about the same time. Mr. Dodson had always been a studious, thoughtful man, and many years previously he had applied himself to the mastery of the science of medicine, in the practice of which he engaged in connection with his various other activities until 1870. In 1867 he settled in Shipman, where he resided until the death of his wife in 1875, when he removed to Medora, making his home with his son until his death in 1876, at the age of seventy-one years. To Mr. and Mrs. Dodson were born ten children: William, who passed away in Chicago; Elijah, who died at the age of eight years; Emily, the deceased wife of James R. Ament, of Litchfield, Illinois; John F., who died in infancy; Isaac, who is a resident of Litchfield, Illinois; Mary, who died in infancy; Joseph, our subject; Silas, who died at the age of five years; James E., who is living in the vicinity of Norwood, Missouri; and Francis M., who lives at Grafton, Illinois.

Joseph Dodson was reared in Missouri, acquiring his education in the subscription schools conducted in the rural districts. The sessions were held in log cabins, built for the purpose, which were furnished with an eye to durability and practical requirements rather than with any sense of comfort or adornment. Their interiors with the crude slab benches and puncheon floors, rough unadorned walls, and poor and inadequate heating and ventilating facilities, were in striking contrast to the comfortable and attractive quarters provided for the pupils of the country schools of today. At the age of fifteen years Joseph Dodson terminated his studies and began preparations for his future business career as a clerk in his father's store. He continued in his service until he had attained his majority, the six years behind the counter of a country store having him well qualified to begin an independent career. In 1861 he became associated with his brother William in the purchase and operation of their father's mill at Woodburn. Three years thereafter they removed the mill to Shipman, continuing its operation in 1876 under the firm name of Green & Dodson. In 1878, Mr. Dodson erected an elevator in Shipman and engaged in the grain business until the

1st of April, 1904, when he disposed of his interest in this enterprise to F. S. Shultz. In 1895 he helped organize and establish the Shipman Banking Company with which he was connected in the official capacity of director and president. The following year he withdrew from this office and has ever since been devoting his energies to the supervision of his various interests and real-estate investments. He first began buying land in 1900, at which time he purchased one hundred and eleven acres on section 23. Subsequently he bought an adjoining tract of fifty-eight acres and later one of eighty-seven acres. He now owns two hundred and fifty-six acres of fine land, all of which is underlaid with a three foot vein of coal, of excellent quality. In 1885 he was a stockholder of a company which sunk a shaft on this land. Upon the tract first purchased Mr. Dodson has erected a good house and barn and other out-buildings and now has the land under cultivation. In addition to his country real estate he owns some valuable town property, his own residence being one of the most attractive places in the community. It embraces three acres of land, on which was built a large, comfortable house, that is surrounded by attractively arranged and well kept grounds. The house is set well back from the street and with its beautiful lawns and large trees presents a most pleasing appearance to the passerby.

On the 18th of December, 1867, Mr. Dodson was married to Miss Mary M. Harris, who was born in Morgan county, Illinois, in September, 1842. Mrs. Dodson is a daughter of Richard P. and Catherine (Roberts) Harris, both natives of Tennessee, the father's birth having occurred on the 8th of April, 1821, and that of the mother on the 10th of December, of the same year. Richard P. Harris in his boyhood removed to Illinois with his parents, Benjamin and Mary (Ragan) Harris, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Virginia. His father was a veteran of the war of 1812, while his paternal grandfather, Jeremiah Ragan, participated in the Revolution, thus the children of Joseph Dodson are entitled to membership in the various societies founded by the descendants of the veterans of this war. Benjamin Harris was a hatter and eventually located in Alton, Illinois, where for many years he followed his trade. After his marriage in 1841, Richard P. Harris settled on some land which he purchased in Morgan county and there engaged in farming until his death on the 10th of December, 1866. Mrs. Harris, although of southern birth was of Pennsylvania Dutch extraction, being a descendant of Peter Rubel, who emigrated from Germany, probably Bavaria, about 1760. He located near Lewiston, Mifflin county, that state, where he resided until 1788 when he removed with his family to Washington county, Tennessee, and there he died about 1834. His family numbered eleven. The youngest member, Eve, whose birth occurred on the 15th of March, 1796, in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, was married in 1811 to William Roberts, a Methodist minister. Soon thereafter they settled in Morgan county, Illinois, and there were born their thirteen children, one of whom, Samuel P. Roberts, was a soldier in the Union army. He served in an Illinois volunteer regiment and was killed in action at Atlanta in 1863. Catharine Roberts, the sixth child of this union, was born on the 10th of December, 1821, and twenty years later became the wife of Richard P. Harris and subsequently the mother of Mrs. Dodson. To Mr. and Mrs. Harris were born ten children, of whom Mrs. Dodson is the eldest, the others in order of birth are: Melinda,

who has never married, living at Pawnee, Oklahoma; Emily P., the wife of A. T. Cunningham, also a resident of Pawnee; Sarah J., who died at the age of twenty-two; Maria C., who was twenty at the time of her demise; and Sophia A. and Jophronia A., twins, the former the wife of J. C. Bennett, of Pawnee, and the latter deceased, having died in infancy; Newton D., who is a resident of Morrison, Oklahoma; Flora D., who died in infancy; and Minnie L., who passed away at the age of nineteen years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dodson were born six children: Edwin Arthur, who was born on the 11th of November, 1868, a graduate of the Springfield Business College, married Carrie Christopher and has three children: Leo A., Christine and Kathaleen. He is district manager of the Merchants Life Insurance Co., of Des Moines, Iowa, and makes his headquarters at Alton, Illinois. Fannie Catharine, the eldest daughter, is the widow of Cyrus Preston, of Shipman and has one son, Herbert D. Abigail Eunice and Eva Adaline, the two next in order of birth, are both unmarried and living at home with their parents. Rosa May married Walter E. Matlack, a farmer of Shipman township, and has three children: Robert Dodson, Charles Osler and Mary Josephine. Bertha Viola, the youngest member of the family, has never married and is living at home.

The family all affiliate with the Christian church, and fraternally Mr. Dodson is identified with the Masonic order, being a member of Shipman Lodge, No. 212, A. F. & A. M. His political support is given to the democratic party, but owing to his views on the liquor question he favors the policy of the prohibition party regarding that traffic. Although he takes an earnest and helpful interest in all community affairs, Mr. Dodson has never participated in political activities to any marked extent, save to do his utmost to see that the local offices are filled by men well qualified to serve the highest interest of the citizens. For fifteen years he was a member of the local school board and he has also served on the town board, his public duties having been limited to these two offices. He has ever been regarded as one of the substantial residents of Shipman, whose extensive interests, in the development of which he ever had a regard for the public welfare as well as personal benefit, has made of him a most desirable citizen in every sense of the word.

JOB PRICE.

A pleasant homestead of fifteen acres on section 29, North Otter township, occupies the attention of Job Price, who engages in general farming. He was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, on the 22d of March, 1849, and is a son of Joseph and Maria (Clayton) Price, both natives of New Jersey. The father all his life engaged in farming and at the time of his demise owned four hundred acres of land. The mother has also passed away. Three of the eight children born of their union are surviving: Andrew J., who is a resident of Oregon; Job, our subject; and Catharine. Those deceased are as follows: Anna; John B.; Firman; James, who was killed in the war; and Caroline.

In common with the majority of lads whose youth is spent on a farm, Job Price early became familiar with the practical methods of agriculture, and at the age of thirteen years began his career as a wage earner. For some years thereafter he worked as a farm hand, but having acquired sufficient capital to begin farming for himself when he was about nineteen years of age, he rented land to the cultivation of which he directed his energies for some time. His first investment in property was a ten acre tract which he held for about three years; he sold this land and purchased another fifteen acres, on which he has erected a nice residence and made other improvements, now owning one of the attractive farms in that section of the township.

Mr. Price chose for his wife and helpmate Miss Elizabeth Swift, a daughter of John M. and Susanna (Williams) Swift, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Price is the eldest in a family of four, the others being: Annie, the wife of George Richards, of Macoupin county; James W., also a resident of this county; and John, who is deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Price affiliate with the Baptist church and he votes with the democratic party, but he has never actively participated in township affairs, always having given his undivided attention to his personal interests.

JAMES G. BALLINGER.

The late James G. Ballinger, who was born and reared on a farm, devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits until his death on the 26th of May, 1909. He was born in Kentucky on the 29th of October, 1852, a son of John Herondon and Elizabeth (Tuggle) Ballinger, also natives of the Blue Grass state. During the childhood of our subject the parents came to Illinois settling in Macoupin county. The father, who was a Christian minister, bought a farm in Nilwood township, that he improved and cultivated until 1879, at the same time continuing to preach the gospel. During the latter years of their lives both the father and mother made their home with their son James G., and there they passed away. Mr. Ballinger was eighty-three years, nine months and nine days at the time of his demise, which occurred on the 20th of November, 1895, while his wife was seventy-eight years, nine months and twenty-seven days old when she died on the 16th of January, 1894.

As James G. Ballinger was a very small lad when his parents brought him to Macoupin county he spent the greater part of his boyhood and youth on his father's farm, his educational advantages being confined to such as were afforded by the district schools of that period. He had a very good voice and for many years during his early manhood conducted singing schools in the country, although his main energies were devoted to the work of the farm. In 1883 with his wife and family he removed to Morgan county, Illinois, where he bought a farm that he improved and cultivated for twelve years. Disposing of it at the expiration of that period he returned to Macoupin county and for five years thereafter cultivated a rented farm in Nilwood township. In 1903 he bought ninety acres of land in Shaws Point township, whereto he removed his family,

continuing to make that his home until he died. He subsequently extended his holdings by the addition of a ten-acre timber tract, making his realty aggregate one hundred acres. Mr. Ballinger was still in his prime at the time he passed away being but fifty-six years, six months and twenty-seven days old.

On the 6th of November, 1879, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Ballinger and Miss Eliza Sharp, a daughter of Benjamin and Emeline (Fite) Sharp, natives of Tennessee. The father came to Macoupin county at an early day with his parents, who entered some government land that they operated until their death. When old enough to begin to work for himself Mr. Sharp devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits for which he had been trained from his earliest boyhood. He remained with his parents until their death, following which he cultivated the old homestead for himself until his demise on the 14th of May, 1907, at the age of seventy years, six months and twenty-two days. Mrs. Sharp was fifty years three months and nine days when she passed away on the 3d of December, 1887. To Mr. and Mrs. Ballinger have been born five children: Oliver, aged thirty-one, who is operating a farm in Shaws Point township that belongs to his mother; Elbert Lester, who is twenty-nine, living at home; Lizzie E., now twenty-seven, the wife of Fred Arter, a farmer of Shaws Point township; Bessie Belle, who is twenty-five, the wife of Oren Crabtree, a rural mail carrier at Atwater; and Josephine Justina, who is twenty-three and living at home, with her mother.

Mr. Ballinger attended the Christian church, with which his wife and family are affiliated, and he was also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He was a strong adherent of the principles of the democratic party, for whose candidates he cast his ballot. The political activities of the township always engaged his interest and he served as township commissioner and school director for many years. He belonged to that class of men who do not become so self-centered in the development of their personal matters as to exclude all interest in public affairs, but was always conscientious in the discharge of his duties as a citizen of the community.

HENRY C. HESSELDENZ.

Henry C. Hesseldenz, who has been successfully identified with the commercial interests of Carlinville for some years, has spent the greater part of his life in Macoupin county. He was born in the vicinity of Braunfeltz, Texas, on the 17th of February, 1858, and is a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Uth) Hesseldenz. The father's birth occurred in Pennsylvania, but he was reared to the age of twenty-one in Ohio, while the mother was a native of Germany. Upon attaining his maturity Michael Hesseldenz went to Texas as a ranger, continuing to reside there until 1866, when he migrated with his family to Carlinville, engaging in blacksmithing. He withdrew from this vocation later and engaged in teaming, following teaming and farming combined, continuing to reside in Carlinville until his death on the 26th of March, 1901. The mother died in August, 1899.

His first school days Henry C. Hesseldenz spent in Texas, but he completed his education from the age of eight years on in the public schools of Carlinville.

After laying aside his text books he entered one of the mercantile houses here, remaining for two and a half years. At the expiration of that period he found employment in a grist mill and learned the trade, which he followed for twelve years in the southern part of the state. Returning to Carlinville he established a grocery store and has ever since been identified with that business. Mr. Hesseldenz has met with success in his undertaking and now owns the building in which his store is located and carries a very choice and complete line of fancy and staple groceries.

It was on the 15th of May, 1883, that Mr. Hesseldenz and Miss Julia Merrick were united in marriage. Mrs. Hesseldenz is a daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Ahrsan) Merrick, the father being a native of France and the mother of Switzerland. Mr. Merrick emigrated to the United States, locating in Dyer, Indiana, in the early days, where he taught for a short time, subsequently taking a position in the public schools of Carlinville. Here he passed away on the 9th of July, 1903, having survived his wife for over twenty years, her demise occurring on the 20th of September, 1882. To Mr. and Mrs. Hesseldenz have been born twelve children, namely: Frank, Mary, William, Lucy, Paul, Albert, Maggie, Emma, Annie, Anton and Carl. John, the second member of the family, died on the 4th of March, 1890.

Mr. and Mrs. Hesseldenz are both communicants of the Roman Catholic church, in the faith of which denomination they have reared their family. Mr. Hesseldenz loyally supports the democratic party, but his time has always been so largely taken up with his business interests that he has never participated to any extent in political affairs, although he served as collector of Carlinville township in 1893. From an humble beginning Mr. Hesseldenz has come to be one of the foremost grocery dealers in Carlinville, his progress being entirely attributable to his fine business principles and recognition of the needs of his patrons.

CAPTAIN ABRAHAM C. HULSE.

The Civil war passed into history as one of the most important struggles mankind has known and the men who participated for the Union will ever be regarded with reverence and honor by lovers of liberty. One of the anomalies of the war was the division of families occasioned by difference of opinion as to the cause and object of the great conflict, brothers being in many instances arrayed against brothers and father against sons. Captain Abraham C. Hulse belonged to a family of this kind, his father and brothers fighting for the south, while he donned the uniform of the blue and upheld the stars and stripes. Each was thoroughly conscientious at the time and performed his duty as he saw it. The crucible of years has shown that Captain Hulse was right.

He was born in Washington county, East Tennessee, September 23, 1835, a son of William K. and Hannah (Cox) Hulse, both of whom were natives of Tennessee. They were the parents of eleven children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: Sarah, who married Jessie Baines and is now deceased;



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John W., who was a Confederate soldier and is also deceased; Dr. William A., who is deceased; Caroline, who became the wife of James Wheelock and is deceased; Abraham C.; Thomas, who was also a Confederate soldier and is now deceased; Polly, the wife of Franklin Hulse, of Jonesboro, Tennessee; Elizabeth, who married Joseph F. Galloway, of Palmyra, Illinois; Louisa, now Mrs. William J. Solomon, also of Palmyra; and Elvira, the wife of Nelson Chase, of Palmyra.

The father of our subject was reared in Tennessee and learned the carpenter and joiner's trade, becoming a flatboat builder and also a pilot on the Mississippi and Tennessee rivers. At the time of the Civil war he was colonel of a Confederate regiment. He was captured at Black River Bridge and imprisoned at Sandusky, Ohio, dying in prison when he was about sixty years of age. His wife died shortly after the close of the war, being then about fifty-five years of age. They were both members of the Methodist church. Mr. Hulse served as colonel of the State Militia of Tennessee previous to the war. The paternal grandfather of our subject was William Hulse, who was of Scotch-Irish and Dutch descent. He lived in Sullivan county, East Tennessee, and was a millwright by trade. He built a mill on his own account and owned a considerable body of land in Sullivan county. He was married to a Miss Keen and lost his property at the time of the Civil war. His father was Wilhelm Hultz (as the name was originally spelled), who came from Holland and died in Tennessee. The grandfather on the maternal side was John Cox. He was of Irish descent and his wife was a Miss Job, who traced her ancestry to France. They both died in Tennessee.

Abraham C. Hulse was reared on his father's farm close to the line of Washington and Sullivan counties, Tennessee, until eighteen years of age and received only limited advantages of education. In 1853 he came to Illinois and took up his residence at Old Cummington, now Palmyra, in Macoupin county, working at the trades of blacksmith and wagon making until twenty-seven years of age. He then enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and twenty-second Illinois Volunteers, under General John I. Rinaker, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work, and served in this regiment until the close of the war, participating in many hard-fought battles and rigorous campaigns. He entered the army as second lieutenant and was promoted to captain on the battlefield at Parker's Cross Roads, Tennessee, for gallant and meritorious conduct. After receiving his honorable discharge he returned to Macoupin county and engaged in blacksmithing at Palmyra until 1882. He was then elected sheriff of the county and served to the general satisfaction of the people for four years. After retiring from office he turned his attention to breeding standard-bred horses and followed this occupation successfully for a number of years. On the 1st of April, 1911, he was elected city marshal of Carlinville, an office which he now fills.

In October, 1855, Captain Hulse was married to Miss Martha Ross, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Hunt) Ross, and to this union five children were born. Rosella married Charles Davis and resides at Salem, Oregon. Catharine is the wife of Elijah Etter, an attorney of Waverly, Illinois, and the mother of one son, Robert. William R. is an abstractor and is engaged in the real-estate business at Carlinville. Robert S., a farmer of Oklahoma, married Alice Tappin and they have two children, Harry and Lee. Charles Abraham, the youngest of

the children of Captain and Mrs. Hulse, died in infancy. Captain Hulse's present wife was Mrs. Dora Baldwin, widow of Thomas J. Baldwin and the mother of five children by her first marriage, namely: Orville, deceased; Roy; Roscoe, who married Lucy Mant, and is the father of three children, Daniel, R. C. and Lee; Maude, who married Isaac Van Zandt, of Fort Worth, Texas, by whom she has three children; and Lottie, who married Elmer Barrows, of Girard, Illinois, and has one son, Orville Edwin.

Captain Hulse and his wife are both members of the Christian church, of which he is a steward. Politically he gives his support to the democratic party and fraternally he holds membership in Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M.; Macoupin Chapter, No. 187, R. A. M.; and is also a member of Dan Messick Post, G. A. R. The esteem in which he is held by his army comrades was shown by his election for two terms as commander of the post. Captain Hulse is greatly interested in the community in which he lives and has often demonstrated this interest by personal service in behalf of those less fortunate than himself. A true soldier when the life of the republic was imperiled, he is a patriotic, capable and progressive citizen, and it would be difficult to name a man in Macoupin county who stands higher in the respect of the people than the one whose name introduces this sketch.

BENJAMIN F. HALL.

For a period of nearly twenty years Benjamin F. Hall has been identified with the commercial activities of Carlinville. His birth occurred at Alton, Illinois, on the 7th of November, 1866, his parents being John and Mary Ann (Watts) Hall, the father a native of Durham county, England, and the mother of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania. John Hall was reared and educated in his native land, where, when old enough, he entered the mines. Upon his arrival in the United States he first located in Alton, Illinois, again engaging in mining. Later he removed to Macoupin county, continuing in the same occupation until his demise on the 4th of September, 1903. The mother still survives at the age of sixty-nine years, but is in delicate health.

Benjamin F. Hall was reared in the town of his birth whose public schools he attended until the age of thirteen, when he discontinued his studies and entered the coal mines. He followed this occupation for thirteen years, but feeling convinced that there was no future in it and being desirous of improving his condition, he accepted a clerkship in a grocery store. At the expiration of eighteen months he purchased the stock from his employer and engaged in business for himself. Despite his limited education and experience as a business man his venture proved successful from its inception, and today he is one of the prosperous merchants of the town.

On the 12th of June, 1895, Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Anna W. Paul, a daughter of Henry and Caroline (Plumhoff) Paul, natives of Germany. Upon their arrival in America they located in St. Louis, where he followed the

trade of wagon making. They subsequently removed to Carlinville and for some years thereafter he operated a grist mill but later returned to his trade. The west attracted him and he went to Kansas, where he resided for a time, but later making his home again in Carlinville and succumbed here on the 4th of January, 1896. The mother survives at the venerable age of seventy-two years. To Mr. and Mrs. Hall have been born seven children: Adolph, Clara, Lydia, May, Alma, Lucille and Rose, May's twin sister, who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall and their family affiliate with the German Evangelical church, while fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In matters politic he is a republican, and is now representing his ward in the city council in which capacity he has served for two terms. Mr. Hall is a man well adapted to commercial activities as is attested by the success which has rewarded his efforts. He is reliable, conscientious and accommodating in his transactions, these qualities enabling him not only to win patrons but to retain them. His progress has not been phenomenal in any way, but it has been the steady advance which always assures permanency, and in addition to his fine store he owns two nice residences in Carlinville; his own home being located at 804 North Broad street.

GEORGE GROVES.

George Groves, who has long been connected with the agricultural interests of Macoupin county, is a self-made man, having had neither influence nor pecuniary assistance in attaining the position he now holds among the farmers of Bunker Hill township.

He was born in Yorkshire, England, seventy years ago last June, being one of the eleven children born unto Richard and Elizabeth (Brewerton) Groves. The parents were also natives of the mother country and there they spent their entire lives.

George Groves was brought up at home and when old enough entered the common schools which he attended until he had mastered the common branches. He was early trained in the work of the fields and in 1871 he determined to realize the ambition of his youth and become a citizen of the United States, so he took passage for America. He first located in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri, where he worked as a farm hand for a year, after which he farmed as a renter for a season; then he came to Macoupin county. Upon his arrival in this county he purchased the farm upon which he has ever since resided, consisting of eighty acres of most excellent land, in connection with which he operates an adjoining eight acre tract.

For his wife Mr. Groves chose Miss Agnes Govan and there have been five children born to them: Richard, Anna, Elizabeth, Margaret and William.

The family is affiliated with the Congregational church, while politically Mr. Groves exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. Mr. Groves has never been an extensive but an intensive farmer, possessing the ability to so thoroughly till and cultivate every acre of

his land that it yields the maximum amount, the quality of the product being fully equal to the quantity. He has met with success and is now one of the prosperous and highly respected citizens of the community.

ADOLPH F. LOEHR.

For a period of more than fifty years the name of Loehr has been prominently and successfully identified with the business and commercial activities of Carlinville. Adolph F. Loehr, one of the capable representatives of the family, was born in this city on the 19th of August, 1860, and is a son of John C. and Fredericka (Knabner) Loehr. The parents are both natives of Germany, whence they emigrated to the United States locating in the vicinity of St. Louis in 1852. There the father, who has been a farmer in the old country, engaged in market gardening for several years. Coming to Carlinville he engaged in business, later establishing a dry goods store which he conducted until his retirement. When he withdrew from commercial activities in 1908 he had been in business for fifty years. He is now living retired at the age of eighty-four while Mrs. Loehr is eighty-one.

Adolph F. Loehr was reared at home acquiring his early education in the schools of Carlinville after which he attended the Lutheran high school of St. Louis. After the completion of his education he entered his father's store and in 1886 was made a partner in the business. After the retirement of Mr. Loehr the son continued the business alone until June, 1910, when he disposed of it. For the past ten years he has been manager of the Macoupin County Telephone & Telegraph Co., to the interests of which he now devotes his entire time, as he also discharges the duties of secretary and treasurer. Mr. Loehr is identified with various enterprises of Carlinville, and is a stockholder and director of the Loan & Building Association. His various undertakings have netted him good returns and he is the owner of valuable business and residence property here.

Never having married Mr. Loehr continues to make his home with his parents. He votes with the democratic party, while fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order. Mr. Loehr is a public-spirited and progressive citizen and represented at one time his ward in the city council.

DAVID STEAD.

After faithfully discharging his duties as a citizen and head of a family until his children had grown to maturity and taken their places in the world, David Stead retired from active affairs and is now enjoying a well earned rest. He is now eighty-two years of age, and since 1839—a period of seventy-two years—has been a resident of Macoupin county, where he was engaged a large part of the time as a farmer and stock-raiser. He is a native of England, born November 22, 1829, a son of Benjamin and Martha (Taylor) Stead, both of whom

were born in England. The parents came to America in 1839 and were among the early settlers of Macoupin county.

At the age of ten years, David Stead arrived in the United States which has since been his adopted country. He completed his school education in 1840, in a subscription school of Macoupin county, and then turned his attention to the home farm upon which he continued until 1852. He engaged in farming and stock-raising on his own account in Nilwood township for many years, gaining by his application and good judgment a high standing as one of the substantial men of the township. On account of the encroachments of age, he gave up active labor a few years ago and has since lived among his children. The home farm which is one of the valuable properties of this section is being cultivated by younger members of the family.

In 1851, Mr. Stead was married in Nilwood township to Miss Mary Ann Boston, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Beverly Boston, of Virginia. To this union four children were born. Benjamin married Miss Angie Hicks and resides in Montgomery county. They have one son, Norman, who is the father of three children. George, who is now deceased, wedded Maggie Cheney. They lived in Nilwood township and were the parents of four children. John Henry, the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Stead, married Miss Alice McBride. They make their home in Nilwood township and are the parents of two children. James, of McVey, married Miss Mary Hamilton and they have a family of three children. Mr. Stead is proud of the fact that he has ten grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Politically, David Stead is a supporter of the republican party. He has never cared for public office but has served as school trustee. Religiously, he is identified with the Christian church and for many years has filled the office of elder in that denomination. A firm believer in the efficacy of labor, he was diligent in his business and thus attained a competency. He can claim many stanch friends who know personally of his worth and recognize that he richly deserves the blessings with which his efforts have been crowned.

JOHN G. BLOOMER.

John G. Bloomer, vice president and superintendent of the United Monument & Construction Co., was born in Springfield, Illinois, on the 7th of July, 1871, a son of William J. and Sophia (Witkopp) Bloomer. The parents are both natives of Germany, the father having emigrated to the United States when a lad of five years with his people, who settled in Springfield. There William J. Bloomer was reared to manhood and educated, after which he learned the stone cutter's trade under Captain Adam Johnston. He continued to be identified with this vocation until his demise on the 20th of January, 1909. The mother passed away on the 18th of April, 1907.

The boyhood and youth of John G. Bloomer were passed in the Capital city, to whose public schools he is largely indebted for his education. The course pursued there having been supplemented by study in the Springfield Business

College. Having decided to adopt his father's trade at the age of fourteen he entered the shop of Captain Adam Johnston, where the father had spent the period of his apprenticeship. After the expiration of his service he traveled from place to place, not only gaining experience in his trade but acquiring a fuller knowledge of the world and a better understanding of human nature generally. In April, 1909, he became associated with Charles M. Miller of Springfield, and together they bought out Royal Hayes, who had been engaged in the monument business in Carlinville for forty-seven years, having the only establishment of the kind in the town. On the 8th of February, 1910, they incorporated under the name of the United Monument & Construction Co., with Mr. Bloomer as vice president and superintendent. He has practically the entire charge of the business, being the only active resident member of the company.

In Springfield on the 22d of August, 1906, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Bloomer and Miss Mary Maude Whipple, a daughter of Asbury and Ada (Jones) Whipple, natives of Indiana. Asbury Whipple, who is a wood turner, learned his trade in the furniture factory of his father at Madison, Indiana, in which state he continued to follow this occupation until 1882. He then removed to Springfield, having accepted a position with The Vredenburg Lumber Co., by whom he is still employed. The mother, however, passed away in 1886. To Mr. and Mrs. Bloomer three children have been born: John G., who is four years of age; Ada Sophia, who is two and a half; and Catharine, who is a babe of five weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bloomer are affiliated with the German Lutheran church, while fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. He is a democrat but has never sought any political preferment.

DAVID CHARLES VANIMAN.

A well cultivated farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres in Girard township annually nets a very comfortable income to the owner, David Charles Vaniman, who has been engaged in its cultivation for twenty-eight years. Montgomery county, Ohio, was the scene of the birth of Mr. Vaniman, his natal day being the 3d of January, 1857, and his parents were David and Elizabeth (Bowser) Vaniman, the father being a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Ohio. In 1863 together with his wife and family David Vaniman came to Illinois, purchasing a farm in the western part of Virden township. He cultivated this property for some years then bought another place nearer to Virden to which he removed, continuing to reside there until his death in 1898.

David Charles Vaniman was a little lad of only six years when the family located in Virden township, to whose district schools he is indebted for his education. From his early boyhood he devoted much time to assisting his father with the farm work and the care of the stock, his responsibilities increasing with the development of his strength and ability. He remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-two years old, during the last four years of

that time being associated with his father in operating the home farm. In 1879, he began farming independently upon the old homestead, west of Virden, his father having moved to his place near Virden. In the course of four years, having acquired sufficient capital to buy a farm, he invested in his present place in Girard township, and here he has ever since resided. In connection with the operation of his fields Mr. Vaniman has for many years run a threshing machine with most excellent financial success. A man of progressive, practical ideas, keen judgment and foresight his efforts have always been substantially rewarded and he owns, in addition to his farm, stock in various enterprises, among them being the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Co., and the Virden Grain Co., of which he is also a director.

In Girard township on the 31st of December, 1879, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Vaniman and Miss Elizabeth Brubaker, a native of Ohio. Mrs. Vaniman's parents were Jonathan and Susan (Frantz) Brubaker, the father a native of Virginia and the mother of Ohio. The paternal grandfather, Jonathan Brubaker, was also a native of Virginia. Five children were born of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Vaniman: Alva T., a resident of Girard, who has one daughter; Pearl J., the wife of J. E. Bowman of Girard township, who also has one daughter; Ada May, the wife of E. S. Snell of Virden township and the mother of one daughter; and Arthur E. and Iva E., both of whom are still at home with their parents.

The family affiliate with the Church of the Brethren of which Mr. Vaniman has been a deacon for twenty years, and he is also a director and trustee of the Brethren Home of Girard. In matters politic he is ever loyal to republican principles in all state and national issues, but casts an independent ballot for county and township offices, giving his support to the men he deems best qualified to serve the people generally. He never takes a prominent part in local governmental affairs but has served for several terms as a school director. Mr. Vaniman is a man of high principles and strict integrity and is always found willing to support any movement that promises a higher standard either morally or intellectually in the community.

JAMES W. MORGAN.

James W. Morgan, who for the past year has been conducting a livery stable in Carlinville, was born in Hillyard township, this county, on the 14th of December, 1882, being a son of C. S. and Mary (Boyle) Morgan, the former of whom is a native of Ohio, while the latter's natal state is Illinois. C. S. Morgan came to Macoupin county, Illinois, during the pioneer days, arriving here with a capital of one dollar and a quarter. He had been a cowboy on the plains and immediately sought work here as a farmhand, obtaining a position with William Dye. He remained in his service until his marriage, when he rented one of Mr. Dye's farms, which he cultivated for ten years. The endeavor proved to be so remunerative, that he was then able to buy the old Gulic farm, which was well improved and contained one hundred and eighty acres of land, one-half

mile east of Plainview. Success continued to attend his efforts and five years later he was able to purchase the Nelson Snyder farm of one hundred and sixty acres in a high state of cultivation. This farm subsequently became the property of his son, James W. In October, 1910, Mr. Morgan withdrew from active farming and rented his land; however, he still resides upon his homestead. He is now sixty-five years of age, while his wife is sixty-two, both having in their early years thriftily provided for the ease and comfort they are now enjoying.

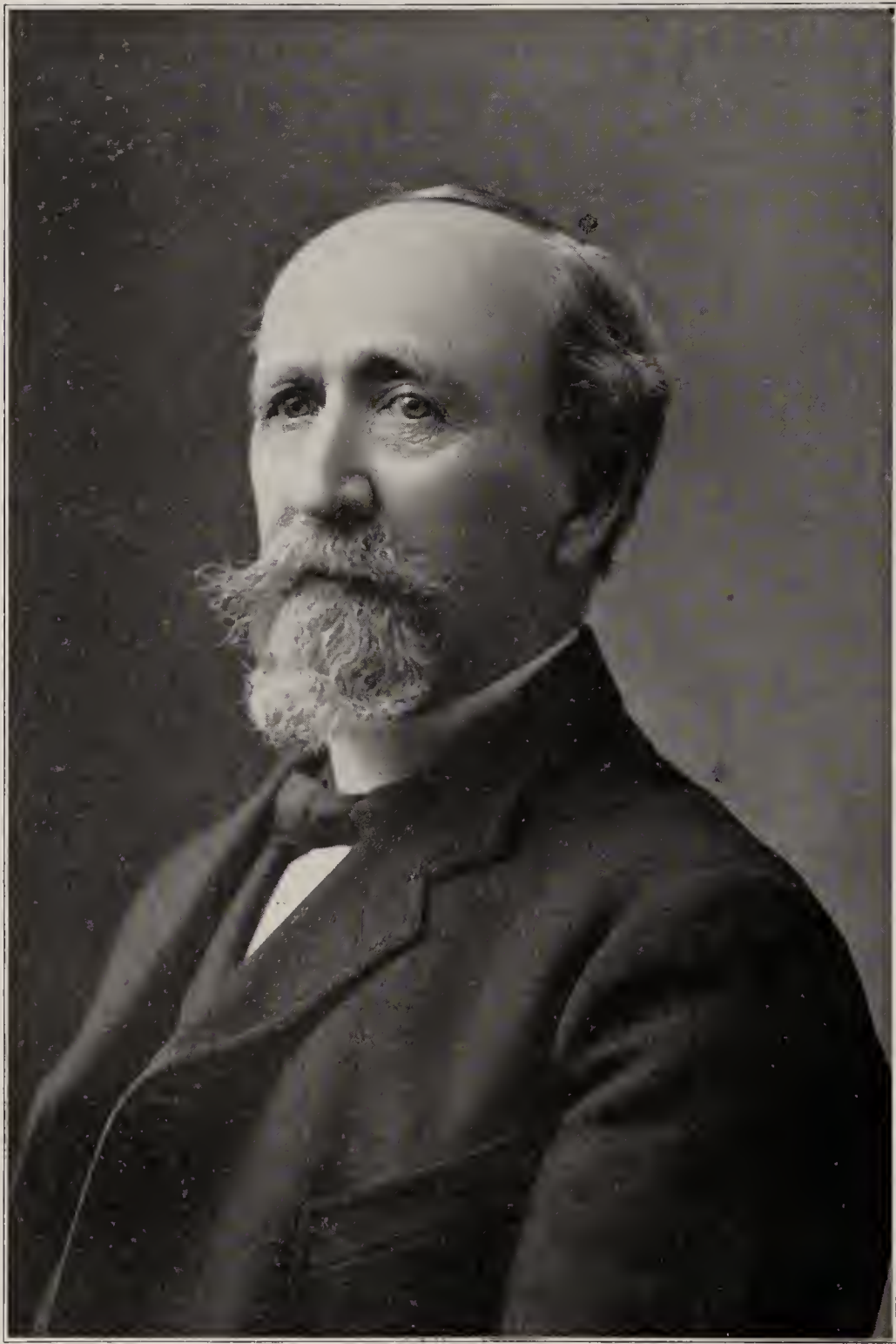
Until the last year James W. Morgan has always lived in the country, and in his very early youth began the training that later made of him a most successful agriculturist. For his education he is indebted to the district schools in the vicinity of his home. He remained at home with his parents until he had attained his majority, when he located upon one hundred and sixty acres of land, previously purchased. Agricultural pursuits engaged his energies until October, 1910, when he removed to Carlinville and purchased the livery stable of W. H. Pease on West Main street, which he has ever since then been conducting. He keeps a fine line of vehicles and good horses, and as a result has a most excellent patronage.

In April, 1906, Mr. Morgan was united in marriage to Miss Anna Snyder, a daughter of Nelson and Emily (Armour) Snyder, natives of Madison county, Illinois. During the later years of his life the father engaged in farming, but in the early sixties he bought and sold horses in St. Louis. After the war he removed to Madison county, subsequently coming to Macoupin county, buying a farm in the vicinity of Plainview. He improved and operated this land until his death which occurred in 1901. The mother is still living and makes her home with her daughter and son-in-law, our subject.

The Methodist Episcopal church counts Mr. and Mrs. Morgan among its members, while in matters politic he is a republican. Though an enthusiastic supporter of his party, he is not an office seeker. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America, being identified with the local organizations of both fraternities. He still retains his farm, which is one of the well improved and valuable properties of the vicinity, its rental bringing him in a handsome income. Mr. Morgan's venture into business activities has proven quite successful, giving every promise of developing into a most lucrative enterprise.

JOHN P. HENDERSON.

John P. Henderson, president of the State Bank of Virden and one of the prominent and successful men of Macoupin county, was born in Garrard county, Kentucky, January 15, 1833, a son of James Harvey and Almira B. (Reid) Henderson. John Henderson, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Virginia and removed to Kentucky, later taking up his residence with his family in Indiana, where he was living during the war of 1812. One of his brothers took part in the war but was never heard of again. In 1830 Mr. Henderson came to Illinois and spent the "winter of the deep snow" in Morgan county. Soon after-



J. P. Henderson



Maxie Z. Henderson

ward he located on a tract of timber and prairie land near Whitehall in Greene county, where he continued during the remainder of his life, passing away in 1849. The maiden name of his wife was Anna Provine. After the death of her husband she made her home with her son, James Harvey Henderson, but survived her husband only about two years.

James H. Henderson, the father of our subject, was born in Virginia and very early in life accompanied his parents across the mountains to Kentucky. He removed with them to the territory of Indiana and at the age of seventeen years began to learn the blacksmith's trade, his training in this line including the making of chains, wedges, axes, hoes, horseshoes and horseshoe nails. He not only manufactured these various articles for use in the shop but devoted his time during the evenings to making them for sale, thus early giving evidence of thrift which became one of his prominent characteristics. After completing his apprenticeship he returned to Kentucky and carried on his trade in that state. In the fall of 1837 he removed with his family to Carrollton, Greene county, Illinois, where his father had located a few years previous. He conducted a blacksmith shop for two years and then entered government land six miles east of Whitehall. On this place he erected a log house, also a blacksmith shop and devoted a part of his time to his trade and the remainder to his farm. In the fall of 1853 he arrived in Macoupin county and settled on three hundred and thirty acres of land near Virden. The history of his life from that time forward is closely interwoven with the history of the agricultural development of this section of the state. He was energetic, ambitious and resourceful and during the thirty years of his residence in Macoupin county he amassed a fortune. He died in the fall of 1883 and was buried in Virden cemetery. In Kentucky Mr. Henderson was married to Miss Almira Blaine Reid and they had three children: Samuel B., who died in 1849; John P., of this review; and Mary, who became the wife of John Woodson and died at St. Louis in 1880, leaving two children, Julia and Alma. The mother of these children died in Greene county in 1845 and Mr. Henderson was married to Miss Elizabeth Davis, who became the mother of two children, Leslie and Robert, both of whom are deceased. After the death of his second wife he married Miss Nancy Ann Wells. By this union two children were born, Lillian W. and James H., both of whom are now deceased. Nancy Ann Henderson died February 21, 1906.

John Provine Henderson, whose name introduces this sketch, received his preliminary education in the country schools of Greene county and early became familiar with all classes of farm work. At the age of twenty years he took up his residence in Macoupin county and in 1856 engaged in the mercantile business at Virden, which he conducted successfully for four years. In 1863 he joined a company of sixteen adventurous young men, organized in this section to seek gold in California, and in the month of April they started westward with a complete outfit of horses, mules and wagons. A description of their trip up the valley of the Platte and through Salt Lake City and Nevada over the Sierras would make an interesting volume. They arrived safe at Marysville, California, in August, and, having disposed of their stock, began prospecting and mining. Mr. Henderson soon came to the conclusion that gold hunting is an uncertain vocation, one of excitement, but often lacking in financial returns. Accordingly, in De-

cember of the same year he started for home by way of the Isthmus of Panama, arriving in Macoupin county one month later. He secured a clerical position in the office of the county tax collector under Sheriff Wills, which position he retained for two years and then began to improve a farm west of Virden. In 1873 he sold his place and purchased from Dr. Orange B. Heaton the farm on which he now resides, upon which he has made every improvement necessary for the successful conduct of an extensive agricultural and stock-raising business. Here he has built a beautiful home which is noted for its hospitality. He is the owner of eight hundred and ten acres of valuable land and also of several acres of town lots in Virden. In 1887 Mr. Henderson became a partner in the Bank of Virden, now a state bank, and is now serving as president of that institution, which is one of the well established financial concerns of the county.

On January 15, 1867, Mr. Henderson was married to Miss Maxie Z. Bronaugh, a daughter of J. M. and Louise (Poindexter) Bronaugh. The ancestral history shows Mr. Henderson's connection with the Woods family. Burke's General Armory, page 136 of the MS. Vol. F, 225, library of Trinity College, Dublin, says: "John Woods, of the County Meath, married Elizabeth, born 15th day and baptized 17th November, 1656, daughter of Thomas Warsop, of Dunshaulin, County Meath, by his wife, Elizabeth, who was daughter of Richard, son of William Parsons, of Birr, or Parsontown, by said Richard's wife, Letitia, who was the daughter of Sir Adam Loftus, miles, who married Jane, daughter of Walter Vaughn, of Coldengrove; was son of Sir Dudley Loftus, miles, by his wife, Anne, daughter of Henry Bagnall, of Newry, miles, and said Sir Dudley was the son of Adam Loftus, Lord Bishop of Dublin and Lord Chancellor of Ireland, who married Jane, daughter of T. Purdon.

"John Woods, above mentioned, who married Elizabeth Warsop, had issue, sons and daughters (2)—Michael, Andrew, William, James and Elizabeth, wife of Peter Wallace, all of whom emigrated to America in the early part of the eighteenth century with the three sons of Michael—William, John and Archibald."

O'Hart also gives Woods arms and crest. Michael Woods' will is on record in Albemarle county, Virginia, bearing date November 24, 1761; probated June term of court, 1762. The Woodses, so tradition tells us, landed in the Delaware and spent some time in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, before ascending the valley of Virginia, where they were probably the first settlers in the section known as Hudson's Grant. They entered the valley by Woods Gap, 1734, now Jarmen's Gap. The original home, now known as Blair Park, is the site of the Woods burial ground, in which both Michael Woods and son, Colonel John Woods, are at Braddock's defeat, July 9, 1755, is in the possession of Charles A. P. Woods, son of Michael Woods and Mary Campbell, who was born February 18, 1712, and departed this life October 14, 1791." Colonel John Woods' military company was called the Rangers. A rapier carried by Lieutenant Colonel John Woods at Braddock's defeat, July 9, 1755, is in the possession of Charles A. P. Woods, of 1925 Washington avenue, Parsons, Kansas. Mr. Woods also has the original wills of both Michael and Colonel John Woods and several deeds witnessed by Colonel Peter Jefferson, surveyor and lieutenant, of Albemarle county, father of Thomas Jefferson. Another is signed by Thomas Jefferson, another by General

Lewis and another by James Monroe. The original land grant signed "the 4th June, 1737, to Michael Woods under the seal of the Colony of Virginia and dominion at Williamsburg, William Gooch" gave to said Michael Woods and heirs four hundred acres in the county of Goochland, on both sides of Licking Hole creek, a branch of Meechum's river. Michael Woods, Sr., and his son-in-law had grants covering thirteen hundred acres. Michael Woods, Sr., purchased two thousand acres patent of Charles Hudson on Ivy creek.

The first Presbyterian church was Mountain Plains, on the estate of Woods known as Blair Park, now converted into a Baptist church. A communion cloth and napkins made for this church by Hannah Woods, daughter of Michael Woods, Sr., and sister of Colonel John Woods, is still used. She was born in 1710. The cloth is now in use at the Presbyterian church near Greenwood, Virginia.

On November 27, 1766, John Woods was commissioned a major by Governor Fauquier, June 11, 1770, Lord Boutetourt, His Majesty's Lieutenant and Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, granted to him a commission as lieutenant colonel of the militia of Albermarle, Thomas Jefferson being the colonel of same. He held a like commission from Governor Nelson, bearing date December 10, 1770. These original documents, when last heard of, were in the hands of William Woods, grandson of Colonel Michael Woods, of Lombard Park, Nelson county, Virginia. Lieutenant Colonel John Woods fell in love as a child with Susannah Anderson, daughter of Rev. James Anderson, a Presbyterian preacher in Pennsylvania, at whose home the family were entertained while enroute to the Virginia valley. John promised her he would return to wed her, which he did about 1742. In 1745 he was sent as a messenger from Mountain Plains church to the Presbyterians of Donegal, in Pennsylvania, to call Rev. Hindman to serve Mountain Plains and Rockfish, near Ivy Station. Rev. James Anderson, his father-in-law, also often preached for them.

The children of Colonel John Woods and Susannah Anderson were as follows. James Woods (1743-1822), married Mary Garland. Mary Woods, born December 2, 1746, died October 19, 1848, married John Reid, born August 25, 1750, died June 29, 1816. Michael Woods (1748-1826), married Hettie Caruthers. Suity Woods, great-grandmother of Mr. Henderson on his mother's line, was born February 29, 1752, died March 26, 1823, married Samuel Reid. Sarah Woods, born 1757, died 1770. Anna Woods, born 1760, died August 9, 1805, married John N. Reid. John Woods, Jr., born 1763, died 1764. Susannah Woods, born September 21, 1768, died August 13, 1832, married Daniel Miller November 28, 1793.

The son James, mentioned above, served as a colonel in the Revolution, his commission bearing date November 12, 1776; regiment known as the Fourth and Eighth Virginia. He left Albermarle in 1795 and went to Paint Lick Creek, Garrard county, Kentucky, where he died.

John Reid, who married Mary Woods, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence in Albermarle. He was a brother of Samuel Reid. John Reid and wife are buried near Richmond, Kentucky. Inscription upon tombstone at Paint Lick Creek cemetery, Garrard county, Kentucky, reads: "Suity Woods

Reid, born February 29, 1752, died March 26, 1823." Her father was Colonel John Woods, of Blair Park, near Crozet, Albermarle county, Virginia. Suity Woods Reid and husband, Samuel Reid, he originally of Nelson county, Virginia, removed to Garrard county, Kentucky, about 1782 and lived and died there. Suity and Samuel Reid had four children so far as can be found—James, known as Dr. James Reid, who married Betsey Murell, and had Susan, Mary, George, James and Bell.

John W. Reid married Jennie Murell, sister of Betsey, from Barren county, Kentucky, and lived and died near Hustonville, Lincoln county, Kentucky.

The grandparents of Mr. Henderson were Alexander Reid, who married Polly Morrison Blaine, December 30, 1806. Children were: Naomi Harrison, born October 20, 1807; Jane Morrison, born January 28, 1809; Almira Blaine, born March 18, 1810, married James Harvey Henderson. Second wife of Alexander Reid was Maria Thompson, born April 30, 1788. Children were: Nelson Thompson, born June 29, 1818; Sally Ann, December 23, 1819; Samuel, December 3, 1821; Alexander R., Jr., April 28, 1823; James, July 13, 1825; John A., February 9, 1827; Maria B., October 22, 1829.

The tombstone of Polly Morrison Reid is beside that of her mother-in-law at Paint Lick cemetery. The inscription thereon reads: "Polly M. Reid died September 25, 1864, in the eightieth year of her age."

Mary Reid, the fourth child of Samuel Reid and Suity Woods, married William Woods, her cousin. Their children were William, Angeline, Rice, Mary and Cabell. William Woods, her husband, represented Garrard county, Kentucky, in the legislature in 1857-59.

It is said Samuel Reid came from Scotland and settled in Pennsylvania and served in the Revolution to its close, later coming to Virginia, first to Amherst, later Nelson county, Virginia. Nathan Reid, called a brother of Samuel Reid, was captain of a company of the Fourteenth Virginia Regiment in the Revolution. In 1778 it was designated as Captain N. Reid's company of the Tenth Virginia Regiment, whose colonel was William Davies.

Among the names of men who were banished from Edinburgh after being held prisoners some time after the battle of Bothwell Bridge, the old Scotch book called "A Cloud of Witnesses," Anno 1678, gives "Anderson, Brown, Campbell, Miller, Reid, Walker." Many by these names later settled in Augusta, formerly Orange county, Virginia.

In connection with Woods and Reids the following Henderson notes may be interesting: Robert Henderson (bachelor) to Frankey Savage (spinster). Note—James Henderson was surety on this bond. Frankey Savage herself wrote the request to the clerk to issue the license, with James Henderson and Andrew Henderson, witnesses. Alexander Henderson, with same witnesses, wrote on the back of the same paper his permission and request to the clerk to issue the license to his son Robert.

Alexander Henderson married Sarah Wallace, daughter of Andrew Wallace and Margaret Woods, in Virginia. The Hendersons emigrated to Kentucky about 1787 or 1790 and settled at Paint Lick Creek, Garrard county, Kentucky. On May 3, 1794, Alexander Henderson and Sarah, his wife, conveyed to Robert Henderson, of same county, two hundred acres; witnesses: Basil Maxwell,

Edward Russell, James Henderson. On November 3, 1795, same court records show John Reid, Lincoln county, Kentucky, executed deed conveying certain lands to Alexander Henderson. In 1790 court records show one Michael Wallace, son of William Wallace and Hannah Woods, acquired some four hundred acres on Paint Lick Creek, Madison county, Kentucky, by deeds from Stephen Merrit, Robert Henderson and William Miller.

Said Robert Henderson was the father of John Henderson, who married Anny Provine. They were residents of Virginia at the time of their marriage, December 1, 1803. Their first child was James Harvey, father of the subject of this sketch, who was born September 26, 1804. It is said he was four years old when his parents took him to Kentucky, where they, too, settled upon Paint Lick Creek, where so many Reids, Wallaces, Woods and Hendersons had preceded them. John Henderson was an ordained minister in the Christian church in 1821 in Bloomington, Indiana, where he moved from Kentucky while his family were yet young. After some years he again moved to Greene county, Illinois, where he farmed and preached. James Harvey meantime returned to Kentucky, where he married Almira Blaine Reid and lived some years before again returning to Illinois via Indiana. He, too, lived in Bloomington, Indiana, later Greene county, Illinois, and about 1850 removed with his family to Virden, Macoupin county, Illinois, where he purchased two sections of government land and began to till the virgin prairie soil.

The children of Robert Henderson-Frankey Savage, married 1779, June 12, were as follows. John, born May 31, 1780; married Anny Provine, December 1, 1803; died August 24, 1851, leaving seven sons and one daughter. James, married Nancy ———; one child, Robert, married; never had an heir; died November 29, 1833. Alexander, married Susan Woods; children, James, John; married; moved to Texas after war of 1812; heard of in New York city and then lost trace of entirely; Emily married Mr. J. Doty; daughter Alice; now living in Kentucky; Susan ———. William, married in Garrard county, Kentucky; left children; died January 20, 1831. Carey, died a bachelor in Terre Haute, Indiana, November 27, 1839. Eliza Ann, married Frank Sanders in Wayne county, Kentucky, near Monticello; died July 18, 1842, leaving children, three sons and five daughters. Sally, born February 4, 1787; married April 14, 1808, John Terrill, in Kentucky; moved to Maryland, near Palmyra, Marion county; left eleven children. Margaret, married William D. McCullough, Bloomington, Indiana; left five children, the fifth of whom, Ann, first married Mr. Bean, then Mr. James Crum, near Virginia, Illinois.

The children of John Henderson, Sr., and Anny Provine were as follows. James Harvey, born September 26, 1804; married three times; died August 8, 1883. Children by Almira Blaine Reid, his first wife, were John P., Sam B. and Mary. His second wife, Elizabeth E. Davis, he married September 9, 1844. Their children were Leslie D., born October 24, 1845, never married and died November 21, 1876; and Robert A., born February 23, 1849, died August 31, 1858. His third marriage was to Nancy Ann Wells, born April 8, 1818, married May 18, 1851, and died February 21, 1906. Their children were Lillian W., born December 4, 1852, never married and died January 15, 1893, and James H., born October 9, 1854, never married and died September 13, 1884.

The other children of John Henderson, Sr., and Anny Provine were John Provine, born May 24, 1807; married Susan Green; died March 29, 1897; left three sons, four daughters—all living. Robert Mitchell, born December 18, 1808, died March 23, 1810. Carey Alen, born May 4, 1810; married Martha Peters in Greene county, Illinois; died November 27, 1839, left two children. William, born August 25, 1813; never married; died October 2, 1840. Alexander, born September 9, 1815; married Mary Ann Collier, February 13, 1840. David Maxwell, born November 15, 1820; married three times; Eliza Ann, born July 13, 1822; married Cary Henderson, a cousin, July 16, 1840; died July 12, 1842.

John Provine Henderson, born January 15, 1833, married Maxie Zidania Bronaugh, January 15, 1867. Maxie Z. Bronaugh is a daughter of John Martin Bronaugh and Louise Poindexter, who were married in 1837 in Kentucky. John Martin Bronaugh is a son of George Bronaugh and Sarah Martin, born October 22, 1814, in Culpeper county, Virginia; moved later to Jessamine county, Kentucky. Sarah Martin was a daughter of John Martin, born about 1723, in Spotsylvania county, Virginia. She died in Danville, Kentucky, in 1865. George Bronaugh removed from Virginia to Kentucky in 1818, making the journey by wagon in which he carried his household goods. He settled in Jessamine county, six miles east of Nicholasville, where he bought a tract of forest land, continuing on this place until his death in 1832.

Children of George and Sarah (Martin) Bronaugh: John Martin, born October 22, 1814, married 1837; Lucy Ann, married Mr. Hunter, of Kentucky, dead; James H., married Susan Mitchell, dead; Eliza J., married Mr. Shirley, three children; Addison, married Nancy Jane Stafford, lives in Carroll county, Kentucky, two children living. John M. Bronaugh was four years of age when he accompanied his parents to Kentucky and there he grew to maturity, receiving such education as was afforded by the subscription schools of the period. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age and then set out to seek his fortune, arriving in Greene county, Illinois, on horseback, in 1835. He carried with him one thousand dollars in cash, which he invested in a tract of fifty acres of improved land in South Richwoods township, six miles from Carrollton. He established a tanyard which he operated for five years, but he preferred farming and, having disposed of his tanyard, he bought more land and devoted his efforts exclusively to his farm for the next seven years. He then engaged in the mercantile business at Woodville, transporting his goods from Columbiana, Alton or St. Louis, as there were no railroads through this region at that time. He eventually disposed of his business and in the spring of 1855 engaged in the grain business at Virden, which he followed for thirteen years. In 1868 he took charge of a large tract of farming land that he had bought in Lafayette county, Missouri, but two years later turned over the management to his sons and returned to Virden, where he resumed the grain business. In 1889 he retired after transferring his grain business to his son Perry. He died in 1892 and the community recognized that it had lost one of its most valued citizens. He was a consistent member of the Christian church and one of its most liberal supporters. In politics he affiliated with the democratic party.

Louise Poindexter, who married John M. Bronaugh, was a daughter of Thomas Poindexter and Mackey Wood, of Virginia, married in Kentucky, re-

moved to Greene county, Illinois, where she is buried. The children were as follows: Ambrose, had one son; John, who lives at Mount Vernon, Missouri. Harris had three children, one of whom was a physician by profession and another of whom was Sarah Ann, who wedded Mr. Robinet of Kentucky. Lawrence was married and made his home in Oregon. Louise gave her hand in marriage to John M. Bronaugh. Simpson, who resided in Oregon, had one son, Thomas, who is now married and makes his home in Washington. Benjamin was also married and lived in Oregon. Newton, who likewise resided in Oregon, had two children. Martha married G. Maupin of Missouri and now lives in Oregon. Unto John M. Bronaugh and Louise Poindexter were born ten children, three of whom grew to maturity, namely: Perry S., who is now a resident of Auburn, Illinois; Maxie Z., now Mrs. John P. Henderson; and James A., who is deceased. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Henderson; Almira Louise, who married Howard T. Wilson and they reside in Virden; Mary Amelia, who died at the age of eighteen months, in July, 1876.

The history of the Bronaughs has always been that three brothers came to this country, William, John and Jeremiah, whose father is thought to have been one William. The tradition is that one settled in Stafford county, Virginia, one in Loudoun and a third in Spotsylvania. The last named was William, the ancestor of George Bronaugh, who married Sarah Martin. The original spelling of the name was Brenau, so the family are of French ancestry. The history of Captain Jeremiah B. is quite fully known. He was born February 15, 1702, died November 21, 1749, buried near Turo Parish, County Fairfax, Virginia. His tombstone has now been removed to Pohick churchyard, near Alexandria. His son, William, was prominent in the French and Indian wars. There are records of his marriages and those of his children.

John P. Henderson is a stanch believer in the Bible and is an elder in the Christian church at Virden. He is firm in his convictions as to what is right and wrong and his friends and neighbors know on which side he may be found on any important question. At the same time he tempers justice with charity and is recognized as a man whose heart is open to the call of need and who never fails to respond in case of emergency.

GEORGE LEE.

George Lee, who owns and conducts a livery stable in Bunker Hill, was born in Northampton, England, on the 16th of August, 1870, a son of George and Hanrah (King) Lee. The parents were also natives of Northampton from where they emigrated to the United States in 1876, locating in Bunker Hill, where the father passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Lee were the parents of two children, a son and a daughter: Deborah, the wife of W. W. Wood, of Jerseyville; and George, our subject.

As he was only a lad of six years when his parents emigrated to the United States, George Lee obtained his education in the common schools of Bunker Hill. He remained at home until after his marriage, following which he proceeded to

Chicago, where he was employed as driver for about four years in an undertaker's establishment. At the expiration of that time he returned to Bunker Hill and engaged in the livery business with which he has ever since been identified. He owns a fine stable well equipped with good vehicles and furnishings and well kept horses, in addition to which he maintains a garage. His enterprise has proven a success because of the capable and efficient manner in which it is conducted. In addition to his business establishment Mr. Lee owns a pleasant and comfortable residence in Bunker Hill.

In 1896, Mr. Lee was united in marriage to Miss Zella H. Hupp, a native of Macoupin county, of German extraction. To them have been born three children: Buzetta Colesta Nettie, Donald Hupp and George Thornton.

The family attends the Methodist Episcopal church of which the parents are members; fraternally Mr. Lee is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. His ballot he casts in support of the democratic candidates, but he has never been an aspirant to public office, giving his entire attention to the conduct of his business in which he is meeting with such gratifying results.

JESSE I. GROVE.

Jesse I. Grove, who has been engaged in the restaurant business in Carlinville for several years, is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Philadelphia on the 18th of September, 1854. His parents were Jesse E. and Susan (Muss) Grove, who were natives of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. The father was engaged in the commission business in Philadelphia for many years, but in the early '60s he came to Carlinville. Here he bought and sold live stock until 1890, when he removed to a farm in Bird township owned by his brother, H. H. Grove. After cultivating this farm for nine years he disposed of his interests and returned to Carlinville, making his home with his son Jesse I. until his death in 1908, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife, who passed away the year previously was also eighty-two at the time of her demise.

The education of Jesse I. Grove was pursued in the schools of Philadelphia until he was thirteen years of age, when he removed with his parents to Macoupin county. Upon his arrival here he entered the old seminary, continuing his studies under F. H. Chapman until the new seminary was opened when he became a pupil of that institution, completing his education in the high school. Laying aside his text-books he then began his wage-earning career, his first position being with an implement and seed house. He later withdrew from this house to enter the employment of Jonas H. Grove, who owned and operated a grist mill, with whom he remained for three years. At the expiration of that period he accepted a clerkship in the grocery store of William H. Hoehn, where he remained for eighteen months. He was then married and removed to Hannibal, Missouri, very soon thereafter. Eighteen months later he returned to Carlinville and went into the produce business, continuing to be identified with this line for four or five years. Having been elected constable he disposed of his business interests and for eight years thereafter devoted his undivided attention to his official duties. He subse-

quently served as special deputy sheriff and later established a general collection agency, withdrawing from this, to engage in the restaurant business, with which he has ever since been identified. His business is located at No. 202 West Main street, where he has an attractive establishment and enjoys an excellent patronage.

Mr. Grove was married on the 18th of October, 1873, to Miss Ella Rusher, a daughter of Jackson and Sarah (Shuey) Rusher, natives of Rockville, Indiana. There the father engaged in farming for many years; afterwards he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Bird township, Macoupin county, that he cultivated until his retirement in 1870. For a year thereafter he resided in Carlinville, but was living at Taylorville, this state, at the time of his death in 1888. The mother survived until 1890. To Mr. and Mrs. Grove have been born five children: Walter, who lives at Gas City, Indiana; Charles A., who is in business with his father; Nellie F., who married Steven Young, of Springfield, Illinois; Earl I., who has just completed four years of service in the United States navy; and Willis R., who was killed on the railroad on the 15th of June, 1911.

Mr. Grove has met with excellent success in his business endeavors and now owns a valuable residence property in Carlinville; he did have an eighty acre farm in this county but has disposed of it. He votes the republican ticket and in religious faith he and his family are Methodist, in accordance with principles of which denomination they strive to guide their lives.

ELBRIDGE BENEDICT TATE.

There is no doubt that persistent application is at the foundation of success in all lines of activity. Especially is this true when it is backed by sound judgment. The two, combined, are irresistible and it is largely through the important elements here named that Elbridge B. Tate gained the position he now holds as one of the prosperous farmers of Girard township. He is a native of Erie county, Pennsylvania, born October 28, 1856, a son of James and Martha (Kennedy) Tate, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Ireland.

In the common schools of the Keystone state, Elbridge B. Tate received a limited education, his attendance being only for a few years, as he began applying himself to farming at the age of twelve. He continued in his native state until 1877, when he came to Illinois and spent ten years in Polk township, Macoupin county. In 1887, having acquired the necessary capital he purchased a farm in Girard township, east of Girard, where he has since made his home. Applying himself diligently, he has in the course of twenty-four years very largely improved his place. He has erected buildings and fences and added many modern accessories, including machinery for facilitating the labors of the farm. His industry and thoughtful attention to details have met with deserved reward and the fields yield abundant harvests.

On the 24th of January, 1884, Mr. Tate was married in Erie county, Pennsylvania, to Miss Mary Hill, a daughter of Arthur and Mary (Hale) Hill, the former of whom was born in New Hampshire and the latter in New York state. The family on the paternal side has long been known in America, the name having

been prominent in the Colonies before the Revolutionary war. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Tate: Chester Arthur, Florence Lola and Everett Truman, all of whom are living at home.

In politics, Mr. Tate is in hearty sympathy with the republican party but not through any desire for the emoluments of office. He served as a member of the school board for twenty years and it is greatly to his credit that the school in his district was awarded the first diploma in the county as a standard district school. He is a member of Girard Council, Mutual Protective League. Having acquired a competency for himself and family, he now enjoys the fruits of his labors and also the respect of his neighbors and acquaintances. A public-spirited and progressive man, he is ever willing to give his support to any enterprise that he believes will advance the general welfare.

JOHN M. TOSTBERG.

John M. Tostberg, engaged in general farming and stock-raising in Carlinville township, was born in the township where he now resides on the 17th of September, 1866, his parents being Charles and Minnie (Cramer) Tostberg, natives of Germany. His father emigrated to the United States in his early manhood, locating in southern Illinois during the pioneer days. There he worked as a farm hand, carefully saving a portion of his meager earnings each month, until at the expiration of three years he had acquired sufficient capital to enable him to purchase forty acres of land, five of which were cleared, in Carlinville township, this county. He applied himself so successfully to the cultivation of his holdings that he later added to his tract at one time twenty and at another one hundred acres, making an aggregate of one hundred and sixty acres. This land he had improved from the time of his original purchase, until at the time of his death on the 8th of May, 1900, he owned one of the fine homesteads of the community. He was survived by his wife who passed away in 1906.

Reared on the farm where he was born, John M. Tostberg passed the uneventful life of the country youth. He attended the district schools of the vicinity until he had a good knowledge of the common branches, after which he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. He had already acquired a very good understanding of the best practical methods of tilling the fields and caring for the stock, as, in common with the majority of country lads, he had been called upon to assist in the work of the farm from his early boyhood. When he was thirty he took unto himself a wife and left the parental roof in order to establish a home of his own. During the first ten years of his domestic life he farmed as a renter, then bought eighty acres in Carlinville township, upon which he has wrought extensive improvements. Not only general farming but stock-raising engages the attention of Mr. Tostberg, who keeps seventeen head of cattle, four horses and annually raises twenty hogs.

On the 16th of October, 1895, Mr. Tostberg married Miss Katie Schwertfeger, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Ship) Schwertfeger, both natives of Germany. Mr. Schwertfeger came to Carlinville during the early days, working by the

month until he had accumulated sufficient capital to buy forty acres of land in Shaws Point township, which he immediately set about to improve. The cultivation of his land proved so lucrative that he later augmented his holdings by the addition of another one hundred and twenty acres. He continued to operate his farm until his demise in February, 1905. The mother, now seventy-five, continues to make her home in Carlinville. Five children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Tostberg: Perry, who is fourteen years of age; Henry, a youth of twelve; William, who is ten; Charles, now eight; and Everett, a little lad of two.

In politics a democrat, Mr. Tostberg is one of the township commissioners, and while a resident of Honey Point township he served for three years as road supervisor and he also acted as election judge. In religious faith the family are loyal to the creed of the Evangelical church. A good citizen, loyal friend and accommodating neighbor, Mr. Tostberg is held in high esteem among the citizens of his township, many of whom have known him from boyhood.

JOHN BALL.

A descendant of good Welsh ancestry, John Ball, of Farmersville, inherited traits of mind and character that have materially assisted him in the attainment of the responsible position he holds in the community. As a farmer, banker and business man he has won unquestioned standing, his success being due to his indomitable energy and will. At an early age, he was imbued with a laudable ambition to win an honorable place among his fellow men. He was born in South Wales, October 19, 1842, a son of Richard McLothlin and Maria (Evans) Ball. The father came to Virden, Macoupin county, Illinois, with his family, in 1855, and entered the meat business but died the year following, leaving a widow, thirteen children and one adopted child.

John Ball was educated in his native country and arrived in Illinois at the age of thirteen. In 1858, three years after the death of his father, he came with his mother and other members of the family to the old Thomas farm, east of Virden, where he continued until 1867. He then took up his residence on a farm in Girard township, three miles east of Girard, which was his home for forty years. He applied himself so diligently that, as the years passed, he acquired six hundred acres of land in this and Montgomery counties. He engaged in general farming upon a large scale, making a specialty of stock-raising, handling horses, cattle and sheep for the market, in which he was unusually successful. In 1907, he moved to Farmersville where he has since resided. In 1892, he organized the bank of John Ball & Company at Farmersville, of which he has since been president. This is a well established institution which under able and conservative management has flourished from the start. He was also interested in the banking business with Hamilton Metcalf of Girard. He was president of the Grange store at Girard and from the time of its organization, thirty-five years ago, has been treasurer of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, being also president of the Dairy Association of Girard. He has displayed

excellent judgment in business and financial affairs, and his advice is often sought by persons desiring to make safe investments.

In 1867, in Greene county, Mr. Ball was married to Miss Jane E. Witt, a daughter of Randolph and Polly (Tunnell) Witt, the former of whom was born in Tennessee and the latter in Greene county. Mrs. Witt was the first white child born north of Macoupin Creek in that county. Mrs. Ball is also a granddaughter of Eli Witt and Calvin Tunnell, both of whom were natives of Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Ball are the parents of five children: Clarence Henry, a resident of Arkansas; Elbert Witt, who makes his home in Farmersville and is cashier of the Farmersville Bank; Agnes, who married C. M. Simonson, of Farmersville; Allen Jackson, of Girard township; and Amy Jane, who is living at home. They also have seven grandchildren of whom they are justly proud.

Religiously, Mr. Ball is identified with the Episcopal church; politically, he adheres to the republican party, being a stanch believer in its principles as essential to the perpetuity of the country. He has never aspired to public office, but served as supervisor of Girard township and also as member of the school board. He belongs to Lodge No. 171, A. F. & A. M., and is also a member of Chapter No. 131, R. A. M. Socially, he is identified with the Sangamon Club of Springfield. A man of striking personality and of recognized ability, he has wisely utilized his talents and has been an important factor in the development of this section. Of him it may be said that he has helped others not only by his advice and material assistance but by the potent influence of a noble example. He richly deserves the prosperity he now enjoys.

FRANK B. HUBER.

Frank B. Huber, cashier of the Nilwood State Bank, was born in Clark county, Ohio, on the 6th of November, 1862, being a son of John and Anna (Snell) Huber, the father a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Ohio. The paternal grandfather was Henry Huber, also a native of Pennsylvania. John Huber came to Macoupin county with his wife and family in 1875. When he first located here, he settled upon a rented farm in Virden township which he cultivated for three years and then purchased two hundred and twenty acres, one mile north of Nilwood in Nilwood township. He was engaged in the operation of this farm when he died in 1883.

A lad of thirteen years when his parents brought him to Illinois, Frank B. Huber completed in the public schools of Macoupin county the educational course which he had begun in his native state. In common with the majority of lads reared on a farm he was early assigned chores about the fields and barns that were increased with the development of his strength. At the age of twenty he became associated with his father in the cultivation of the home farm and after the latter's death continued the work alone until 1887. In the latter year he removed to South Otter township, there continuing his agricultural pursuits disposed of his business interests in January, 1911, and immediately thereafter

became cashier of the Nilwood State Bank, in which capacity he continues to serve.

Mr. Huber married Miss Ida B. Cole, of South Otter township, in Mexico, Missouri, October, 1899. Mrs. Huber is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hawk) Cole, natives of Tennessee.

Fraternally he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, being identified with Nilwood Camp, and he is chairman of the Nilwood Gun Club. Mr. Huber votes with the republican party, and although he never very actively participates in political affairs he served as school director in South Otter township for six years, discharging the responsibilities of his office efficiently. He also served as supervisor of Nilwood township for eight years.

JACOB KLEIN.

Jacob Klein, local agent for the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Co., was born in the Rhein Pfalz, Germany, on the 22d of June, 1855, and is a son of John and Charlotte (Keck) Klein. His father was a blacksmith by trade, and being a skilful and capable workman met with success in his work. He served through the German war of 1848 and there sustained wounds that eventually caused his death. The mother with her sons and two daughters, Mary and Anna, subsequently emigrated to the United States, locating in the vicinity of Belleville, Illinois. There she later married Julius Reichenstein and removed to Waterloo, Illinois, where her death occurred in 1869.

Jacob Klein, who was a very young lad when he emigrated with his mother and sisters to this country was only fourteen when his remaining parent died. He was self-supporting, however, having begun his wage-earning career some time previously as a farm hand. Later he obtained a clerkship in a store in Belleville, where he remained for two years, then drove a team for a short time. Eventually he returned to farm work, engaging in this work until his marriage, while the succeeding eight years were devoted to various occupations, in mines, breweries and machine shops, his position being changed whenever he found something that promised better remuneration. In 1883 he began driving a wagon for the Western Brewery in Belleville, and two years later the firm offered him the agency for their company at Mount Olive. He readily accepted and immediately came here, where he has ever since resided. Until December, 1891, he represented the Western Brewery, but resigned their agency at that date to take charge of that of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Co. Mr. Klein has proven to be a very capable salesman and since becoming identified with the latter company has increased their sales here until monthly shipments now amount to five cars.

On the 21st of June, 1875, Mr. Klein was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Rehg, and to them have been born twelve children, ten of whom survive: William, who is with the Klausmann Brewery of St. Louis; Julia, who is at home; Anna, the wife of Henry Longknecht, of St. Louis; Louis, who is living at Staunton; Gunda, who is at home; Tillie, employed in St. Louis; Minnie at home;

Walter, who is a bookkeeper in the C. J. Keiser & Co. bank, Mount Olive; and Adelia and Josephine, both of whom are at home.

All of the family affiliate with the Evangelical Lutheran church, while fraternally Mr. Klein is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Acme Lodge, No. 707, of Mount Olive; he is also a member of Mount Olive Lodge, No. 606, K. of P.; the Knights of Honor; and of the Knights and Ladies, Freundschafts Lodge, No. 1215. In addition to these he is affiliated with the Treu Bund, No. 86, of Mount Olive. His political support Mr. Klein accords the democratic party, and has served as a member of the board of supervisors of Mount Olive township, while for six years he was a member of the school board, during two of which he was president of the board. He is one of the enterprising and energetic business men of Mount Olive as well as a prosperous citizen.

M. M. BROWN.

A well cultivated farm of two hundred acres on section 7, Bunker Hill township, is a credit to the efforts of M. M. Brown, whose birth occurred on a farm across the road from his homestead on the 15th of October, 1861. He is a son of Daniel and Sarah (Olmstead) Brown, natives of New York, where they were reared and married. In the early days of their domestic life they migrated to Illinois with a wagon and ox team, being among the pioneer settlers. The father preempted some government land, which he immediately began to break, making such improvements upon it as he could from time to time. He had one dollar and twenty-five cents when he settled in Macoupin county but became one of the most extensive landowners and successful agriculturists in Bunker Hill township. His holdings aggregated five hundred acres at the time of his demise, all of which was in a high state of cultivation. He built a comfortable brick residence on his homestead, one of the most valuable and attractive properties in the community. Here he engaged in general farming and stock-raising, both pursuits proving very lucrative. He passed away on the 27th of May, 1872, and was laid to rest in Bunker Hill cemetery as was also his wife. To Mr. and Mrs. Brown were born four sons and five daughters: Stephen Henry, a resident of Benton county, Arkansas; Huldah C., the wife of Frank Hamilton, of Cedarvale, Kansas; M. M., our subject; and Charlotte, Jennie, Martin, Martha, Zelma and Kate, all of whom are deceased.

M. M. Brown was reared on the farm where he was born and when he had become old enough entered the district school where he obtained his elementary education. Later this was supplemented by a course in the academy at Bunker Hill. After finishing his education he assisted his mother in the cultivation of their large homestead until he was twenty-four years of age. He then removed to his present farm, where he has ever since resided. Mr. Brown is a capable agriculturist and business man and has met with pronounced success in his undertakings. In connection with the cultivation of his fields he raises stock.

In 1885 Mr. Brown established a home for himself by his marriage to Miss Hattie Sewell and they have become the parents of four children: Marshall, who

is running an automobile garage at Cairo, Illinois; Halton, Elmo and Vivian, all of whom are at home.

The family affiliates with the Congregational church, of which the parents are both members, and fraternally Mr. Brown is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. His political support is given to the democratic party. He is one of the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Bunker Hill township to the interests of which he has ever been loyal, giving his support and co-operation to every movement that will advance its development.

MARSHALL B. WHEELER.

A well known business man of Scottville is Marshall B. Wheeler, whose birth occurred in the Sacramento Valley, California, on the 16th of December, 1865, his parents being M. L. and Hannah (Beohm) Wheeler. The mother was a native of Pennsylvania and the father of Kentucky, but the Wheeler family originally came from Tennessee, the paternal grandparents, Josiah and Sarah (Owen) Wheeler, both having been natives of that state. M. L. Wheeler came from his native state to Illinois with his father in his early manhood. Here he resided until 1850, when he went to California, where he remained until April, 1867, when he returned to Macoupin county. On the 22d of the following May he opened a general store in Scottville, which he thereafter conducted in connection with his agricultural pursuits until two years prior to his death, when he retired from active life. He passed away on the 26th of February, 1890, at the age of sixty-seven years. The mother, however, survived until the 30th of March, 1892. Both were residing in Scottville at the time of their death.

As he was only a child of two years when his parents returned to Illinois, in the acquirement of his education Marshall B. Wheeler attended the public schools of Scottville. After discarding his text-books he entered his father's store, where he obtained an early business training. When old enough to begin for himself he engaged in the fancy groceries and hardware business, in which he was first associated with Mr. Hayes. Later he disposed of his interest to his partner and went in partnership with Mr. Drake, who retired seven years later; since the 1st of April, 1911, Mr. Wheeler has been alone in the business. In addition to hardware, he carries an extensive stock of farm implements and machinery, in both of which lines he is favored with an excellent patronage.

On the 27th of April, 1887, Mr. Wheeler married Miss Mary S. Walker, a daughter of Isaac and Parmelia A. (Holloway) Walker, the mother a native of Illinois and the father of Kentucky, while the paternal grandparents came from Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler were the parents of four children: Forrest A., who married H. L. Catlett, a banker of Scottsville, and has one child, Margaret; Elmer Guy, who is in business with his father; Clyde I. and Edward M.

Fraternally Mr. Wheeler is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being identified with Scottville Lodge, No. 226; and he also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, Scottville Camp, No. 506. His political allegiance he accords to the democratic party, and has been assessor and collector as

well as clerk of the township, village clerk and president of the village board. He is very public spirited and always takes an active interest in all community affairs, striving to forward every movement that will promote the development of the village.

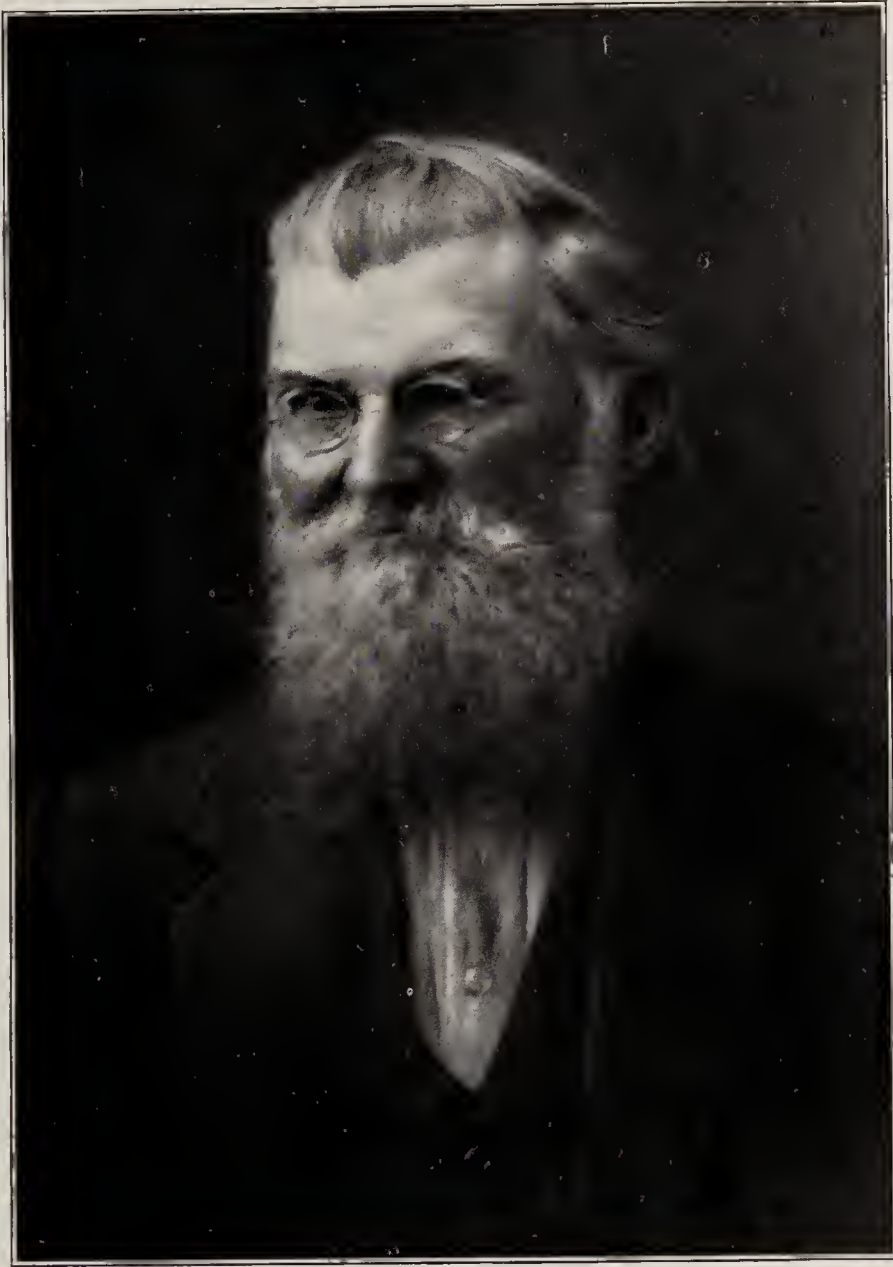
JULIUS A. ELDRED.

Among the natives of Illinois still living who can claim a personal acquaintance with Abraham Lincoln is Julius A. Eldred, a highly respected citizen of Macoupin county. He has passed his entire life of eighty years in this state and his stories of pioneer experiences would make a volume of unsurpassing interest.

Born in Greene county, Illinois, March 22, 1831, he is a son of Moses and Clarissa (Brace) Eldred, both of whom were natives of Herkimer county, New York. The father was reared on a farm in the Empire state and after arriving at manhood joined in the movement westward, settling in Greene county, Illinois, in 1826, when a large part of the state was a wilderness and the few settlements were limited to the water courses, being located principally on the Mississippi and Ohio rivers. He purchased two hundred and forty acres of land, which he cultivated until his death in 1834. The mother again married, becoming Mrs. C. L. Corbin. She moved with her second husband to Macoupin county and spent the remainder of her life here. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Eldred were five children, four sons and one daughter, the latter dying in infancy. Three of the sons survive: Julius, of this review; and Moses and Addison, both of whom are retired from active labors and make their home at Carlinville. Our subject also has a half-brother, L. B. Corbin, a resident of Polk township.

Julius A. Eldred attended the pioneer schools of his neighborhood and as a boy worked on the home farm, thus preparing himself for responsibility later in life. In 1852 he came to Macoupin county and continued working for wages until 1854, when he started to cultivate his own farm in Bird township. He purchased the place he now occupies in Polk township in 1888. He improved his farm by the erection of buildings and by industry and good management became numbered among the substantial and prosperous residents of his district. In his business affairs he has displayed sound judgment, becoming known as one of the progressive men of the community. He is now living retired, the work of the farm having devolved upon younger shoulders.

On the 8th of April, 1856, Mr. Eldred was married to Miss Eliza Jane Hubbard, who was born in Macoupin county, August 20, 1840, a daughter of Joel and Middy (Bridges) Hubbard. The parents were both born in Tennessee and came to Illinois in the pioneer days, settling in the western part of Greene county, where Mr. Hubbard applied himself to farming. He spent his declining years at Chesterfield. In his family were six children, all of whom are now deceased except one son, John B. To Mr. and Mrs. Eldred two children were born, James E. and Flora. James E. married Miss Isabel Hunter, of Jersey county, Illinois, and they have three children, Laura K., Moses and Lloyd. Moses Eldred married Bertha Otwell, a daughter of W. B. Otwell, of Carlinville.



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Flora, the daughter of our subject, became the wife of C. H. Skinner and died leaving three children, Addison, Birdie and Florence. Florence married George Richardson, of Chesterfield, and they have one child, Mildred. Mrs. Eliza Jane Eldred died in 1861 and Birdie E. Skinner, a granddaughter of our subject, makes her home with Mr. Eldred and presides over his household.

In religious belief he is a Congregationalist, being a member of the church at Chesterfield. He has served as township assessor, trustee and school director, but he never sought public office, although willing at all times to perform his duty in promoting the cause of good government. In the evening of a long and useful life he is accorded the honor which rightfully belongs to one who has sought to advance the welfare of his associates and to promote friendly feeling among men.

JOHN GORSUCH MAYER.

John Gorsuch Mayer, who is living retired in Girard township, has been identified with the agricultural interests of Macoupin county most of the time since 1875 and is also connected with other lines of business. He is a native of Ohio, born in Miami county, December 5, 1855, a son of David and Anna (Huffer) Mayer, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania. He is a grandson of Christian Mayer and Samuel Huffer, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state. David Mayer came west with his family in 1865, the last year of the Civil war, when there was an extensive movement of settlers from the crowded communities of the east, and located in South Otter township, Macoupin county, Illinois. He was a man of energy and good business ability and became the owner of a farm of two hundred acres, continuing upon his place until his death, which occurred in 1891. There were eight children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Mayer, three of whom survive: David M., of Peoria, Illinois, who married Amanda England and is the father of two sons, William and Fred; John G., of this review; and Mary, who is the wife of James W. Kable, residing in Toledo, Ohio, and they have one son, David M.

At the age of ten years, John G. Mayer arrived in Macoupin county with his parents. He received his preliminary education in the public schools of Ohio and Macoupin county and, in 1875, began to devote his entire time to agriculture and stock-raising. In 1880, he went to Nebraska and engaged in farming for seven months, when he returned to South Otter township and assumed charge of his father's farm, also cultivating ninety-six acres which he purchased on his own account. In 1901, after the death of his mother, he removed to Toledo, Ohio, and became interested in a lunch room, continuing in that city for three years. He then removed to South Bend, Indiana, and operated a restaurant for one year, after which he returned to Girard township, Macoupin county, Illinois, and retired from active labor. He has been successful financially and is the owner of lands in Illinois and Kansas and is also a stockholder of the Farmers' Coal Mining Company.

In politics, Mr. Mayer usually supports the republican party in national affairs but he has independent proclivities and is governed in a large measure in

voting by the character of the candidates and the gravity of the issues involved. He is a man of good judgment and, by contact with the world, has gained a practical knowledge of human nature which is often of more value than much book learning. He has demonstrated his ability as a business man and, having acquired a competence, is now resting among the friends of his earlier days surrounded by scenes that recall many pleasant associations.

JOHN NELSON SCRIBNER.

John Nelson Scribner, who is living retired at Virden, having accumulated a competence through systematic application, is a native of Jersey county, Illinois. He was born January 22, 1864, a son of Jesse and Ellen (Hughes) Scribner, the father being a native of Tennessee and the mother of Illinois. Jesse Scribner came to Illinois at the age of eighteen and began farming, a vocation to which he devoted the principal years of his life. After the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted at Jerseyville and served faithfully for three years in behalf of the Union. Having received his honorable discharge he resumed farming in Jersey county but later went with his family to California, where they spent two years, at the close of which time they returned as far east as Missouri. Two years later Mr. Scribner again took up his residence in Jersey county, Illinois, where he ran a flour mill for a year. The next two years he spent in Missouri and then rented land in Greene county, Illinois, subsequently purchasing forty acres. At the close of a year he sold out and went to Missouri and spent the next three years mainly in traveling. He again took up his residence in Jersey county, and rented a farm upon which he died at the age of forty-four years. There were two children in his family: Lloyd, who died at the age of two years; and John N., the subject of this review. The mother was again married, her second husband being John Ennis, of Sangamon county, where he died in 1889, his wife passing away in May, 1906.

Mr. Scribner, whose name introduces this sketch, began working in the harvest field before he reached manhood and after spending two years in Morgan county took up his residence in Sangamon county. Four years later he drove through with a covered wagon to Wichita, Kansas. The next year he continued his journey as far as the Indian Territory but did not remain long in that section, as he returned the same summer to Sangamon county, Illinois. The next fall he drove to Wellington, Kansas, and thence to Sedgwick county, Kansas, where he rented land. After selling out he returned to Sangamon county and three years later rented eighty acres, which he cultivated to good advantage for five years. He then took charge of his mother's place and subsequently he and his mother purchased the rest of the Ennis estate from the heirs and he now has a farm of one hundred and eighty-four acres, known as the Ennis farm. He also acquired town property near Lowder, which he later disposed of. At one time he moved to Oklahoma but returned after selling the property which he owned there and spent a year at Waverly, Illinois. He is now established at

Viriden and he and his family occupy an attractive bungalow which he erected. He has also retained his farm in Sangamon county, from which he derives a handsome annual income.

On the 20th of December, 1888, Mr. Scribner was married to Miss Lottie Stewart, of Jacksonville, Illinois, a daughter of John and Louisa (Rutherford) Stewart, both of whom were born in this state. They have become the parents of two children: Luella May, who was born August 11, 1892; and Nola Louise, who was born January 4, 1906, and is now deceased. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were twelve children: Lottie, now Mrs. J. N. Scribner; Charles W., deceased; Lura M., who married Roderick Pruett, of Chicago, and is also deceased; Alice, deceased; Estella, the wife of John M. Case, of Viriden; Myrtle, who became the wife of James Ryan, of Jacksonville, Illinois, and is now deceased; Earl, a resident of Chicago; Ernest, who makes his home in Denver, Colorado; Leroy, also of Chicago; Nola, deceased; Lela, who married C. E. Lowder, of Lowder, Illinois; and Nelson, who is deceased.

Politically Mr. Scribner has since he arrived at maturity supported the democratic party. He has taken an active interest in political affairs and has held various township offices. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons and the Woodmen and religiously he affiliates with the Baptist church. He has traveled extensively in various states and from personal observation is remarkably well informed concerning the resources of Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. He can claim a wide circle of acquaintances and is known as an enterprising and practical man of good business judgment. Having been straight-forward in all his dealings he richly merits the prosperity he and his family now enjoy.

HENRY COOPER.

A goodly capital of energy and perseverance, sustained by determination, when intelligently applied invariably wins recognition in the business world and results in success and substantial reward. This fact was most clearly demonstrated by the life of the late Henry Cooper, of Nilwood, who was born in England on Christmas day, 1825. His father was James Cooper, whose last years were spent in Australia.

Henry Cooper remained a citizen of the mother country until he was twenty-four years of age, acquiring his education in the common schools. An unusually ambitious youth, he became dissatisfied with conditions as he found them in his native land, so as soon as he could accumulate the necessary money he took passage for the United States. Two years after arriving in this country he walked from Alton, Illinois, to Nilwood and took a sub-contract for grading and finishing a portion of the Chicago & Alton Railway, while later he was made foreman of construction on the road from Springfield to Alton. His keen foresight and business sagacity early revealed to him that a contract to supply wood to the railroad must prove a very good source of revenue. There were extensive timber lands throughout this section of the state at that period, which could be acquired

for a very reasonable price. Being awarded the contract, in 1852 he purchased a forty-acre tract to begin with, constantly adding to his holdings until he had obtained possession of three thousand acres of timber land. Later he also bought land for agricultural purposes and at one time owned one thousand acres of farm land, all of which was improved and under cultivation. In addition to these properties he owned a large portion of the village of Nilwood, where he subsequently erected two grain elevators and engaged in the grain and coal business with his two sons, Charles and Frank. In 1877 he bought four hundred acres of coal land that he leased to operators. All of his enterprises proved a success and his investments constantly increased in value until he became one of the affluent men not only of the county but of this section of the state.

In 1852 Mr. Cooper was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary (Murphy) Dea, a native of Ireland and the widow of Richard Dea. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, two of the sons, Charles and Frank, being among the leading business men of Nilwood.

Fraternally Mr. Cooper was identified with the Masonic order, while his political allegiance was always given to the democratic party, though he never prominently participated in political affairs. He passed away in November, 1906, being survived by his widow, who continues to make her home in Nilwood. Mr. Cooper possessed the essential qualities for success in any vocation, having the ability to recognize opportunities that his keen discernment enabled him to utilize to the best possible advantage.

HENRY BALL.

From a farmer boy with limited advantages of education, Henry Ball, of Girard township, has become one of the successful men of Macoupin county and a beautiful homestead provided with all modern comforts and conveniences is evidence of his thrift and enterprise. Like many substantial citizens of Illinois, he is a native of South Wales, born September 25, 1844, a son of Richard McLothlin and Maria (Evans) Ball, both of whom were born in Wales. The father emigrated to America with his family about 1855 and located in Virden township where he engaged in the butcher business. He died in 1856, leaving a wife and thirteen children. Mrs. Ball, notwithstanding the discouraging outlook, in a strange country as the head of a large family whose main support had been taken away, bravely assumed the responsibility and right nobly did she acquit herself.

Henry Ball received the rudiments of an education in his native land and came, with his parents, to Illinois when he was eleven years of age. He attended school at Virden for a short time and, in 1859, removed with his mother and other members of the family to a farm east of Virden, where he continued until 1867. He then—associated with his four brothers, Thomas, Richard, John and George—bought three hundred and twenty acres of prairie land in Girard township. This land was entirely without improvements and required considerable labor to make it productive. Mr. Ball has continued here ever since and applied

himself with such diligence that he is now the owner of one of the most productive farms in the township besides four hundred acres in the Red river valley of Minnesota. He very early learned the importance of labor and has made it a principle of his life to be energetic and thorough in everything he undertakes, thus produicng the highest possible returns.

On the 9th of August, 1893, he was married in Pitman township to Miss Rebecca Clark, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Walker B. and Sarah (Hudson) Clark, both of whom were also born in Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Ball have two children, Francis Howard and Lewis Lloyd.

He is a member of Pioneer Grange, No. 435, and is actively identified with the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, being also a stockholder in the Grange store and the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company. He is an earnest supporter of the republican party and a true friend of education, serving at present as a member of the school board and also a clerk of that body. Mr. Ball was baptized and christened in the Episcopal church. Mr. Ball is active and wide-awake to the welfare of the community, and is greatly interested in the continued development of the region where he has spent more than forty years of his life. His example cannot fail to prove an inspiration to deserving young men as he has won his present success and high standing through his own exertions, having as a youth been imbued with an unalterable determination to gain financial independence.

FERDINAND R. KAHL.

One of the highly esteemed residents of Shipman is Ferdinand R. Kahl, who for many years was successfully identified with the general farming interests of Macoupin county, but is now engaged in dairy farming. He was born in the village of Giekau in the province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, where for many generations his paternal ancestors have resided, on the 7th of September, 1841. His father, Detlef F. A. Kahl, was born in the same village on the 12th of August, 1806, while the mother, who prior to her marriage was Margaret Fischer, was a native of the village of Luetzenburg, in Schleswig-Holstein, her natal day being the 31st of December, 1811; Luetzenburg has been the ancestral home of the Fischer family for many generations past. Detlef F. A. Kahl, who was a cabinet maker by trade, accompanied by his wife and the younger members of the family, emigrated to the United States in 1864 to join his three sons, who were located in Macoupin county. They landed at New York, and immediately made their way inland locating in Shipman, where the parents spent the remainder of their lives. The father engaged in carpentry work and contracting until his demise on the 5th of August, 1873. To Mr. and Mrs. Kahl were born nine children: Fredericka, the deceased wife of Henry Mueller, of Shipman; Henry, also deceased, a resident of Bunker Hill, Illinois; Charles F., who is living in Shipman; Ferdinand R., our subject; Wilhelmina, the deceased wife of William Fahrenkrog, of Bunker Hill; Frederick, who is living in Shipman; Nicholas, a resident of Shipman; Louisa, the wife of Charles Hintz, of Bunker Hill; and one, who died in infancy.

Ferdinand R. Kahl obtained his education in the common schools of his native land, after which he learned the shoemaker's trade. He industriously followed this occupation until he was nineteen years of age, when he and his brother Henry decided to emigrate to the United States. They took passage on a sailing vessel for New Orleans and upon arrival in that city came up the river to St. Louis, whence they came to Macoupin county. They settled in Shipman and there Ferdinand R. Kahl followed his trade until 1862 when he went prospecting for gold, first in Colorado and later in New Mexico and Arizona. While in the latter states he freighted for the government for a time, but later he went to Idaho City, Idaho, where he worked in the gold mines for two years. In 1865 he returned to Shipman, remaining two years; he then removed to Minnesota, and worked as a farm hand in the vicinity of St. Charles until 1867. Again returning to Shipman he married and purchased two hundred acres of timber land on section 11, Shipman township. Erecting upon this land the necessary buildings he began clearing and putting it under cultivation. Here he continued to live until 1907, when he withdrew from active work and moved to Shipman, where he owns a very pleasant residence surrounded by two acres of beautiful grounds. Dairy farming now engages the attention of Mr. Kahl, who has led too active and busy a life to entirely withdraw from all business. He keeps a fine grade of Holstein cattle, having a herd of fifty milch cows, which are proving to be a very gratifying source of revenue.

On the 24th of December, 1868, Mr. Kahl established a home for himself by his marriage to Miss Sarah A. Deahl, whose natal day was the 11th of June, 1847, her parents being Andrew and Matilda (Schultz) Deahl, whose history is given in the sketch of Adam Deahl, which appears elsewhere in this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Kahl were born eleven children. Edwin A., who is an implement dealer in Shipman, married Miss Minnie Barnes, and they have three children: Leona, Florence and Lester Ferdinand. Charles H., the second member of the family, died in infancy. Mary E. married Arthur Mitchell of Shipman and they have two children, Sarah M. and Otis Arthur. George F., who is engaged in farming in Shipman township, married Anna Adams and they have one child, George. Margaret E. married Almon Scott, an engineer of St. Louis, Missouri, and they have one child, Walter H. Huldah L. married Auzza Owen, who is a cotton planter in Aberdeen, Mississippi, and they have four children, George, Earl, Harold and Arlene. Walter W., who is agent for the Chicago & Alton Railroad at Plainview, married Eva Burmaster and they have two children, Edith and Gladys. Clara M., married Henry Brueggeman and has one child, Ralph E. Henrietta, who is the next in order of birth, has never married and makes her home with her parents. Edna, married Joseph Travers and has one child Glenn R. Earl C., who is the youngest member of the family, is unmarried and lives at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kahl affiliate with the Evangelical Lutheran church of Shipman of which he is one of the trustees, they, both, having taken an earnest and active interest in the work of its various organizations. Mr. Kahl has always given his political support to the democratic party, and for fifteen years served as commissioner of highways of Shipman township. He is one of the substantial

citizens of Shipman who has sought no political power for self-aggrandizement, but has ever exerted his influence to maintain the moral and intellectual status of the community on a high plain.

WILLIAM BLUEFORD DALTON, M. D.

The oldest physician of Macoupin county is Dr. William Blueford Dalton, who is now living practically retired but first engaged in the practice of his profession in Scottsville forty years ago, and who has ever since continued to reside there. He was born on a farm five miles southwest of Franklin, Morgan county, Illinois, on the 26th of December, 1839.

His parents were Clayborn and Permelia (Haynes) Dalton, natives of Kentucky, the father having been born in Glasgow, Barren county, that state, about 1808. Their marriage occurred in 1829 and very soon thereafter they came to Illinois, settling on the farm where ten years later our subject began his life record. There ten children were born and reared, and the father passed away in April, 1868. Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Dalton two died in infancy but the others all lived to attain maturity. The paternal grandfather, Jessé Dalton, was a distiller of North Carolina, who removed to Kentucky about 1780 or 1785. He had quite an extensive plant for that time and kept forty negroes to operate it.

Owing to the failing health of his father and the fact that there was a large family to be provided for, it became necessary for William Blueford Dalton to leave home at the age of fifteen years and become self-supporting. Prior to that he had attended the district school in the vicinity of his home, acquiring a very good common education. He took a position on a farm, continuing to follow this work for several years thereafter, receiving for his services from eight to thirteen dollars per month in the summer and less in the winter. In 1863 he found an opportunity to go to California, being given his board for driving a four-mule team from Carlinville to Sacramento. He reached his destination on the 18th of August, 1863, being four months and five days en route. He spent the winter in the capital city and in the spring took a position as teamster on a freight wagon between Sacramento and the silver mines in Nevada. Subsequently he filed on some government land in Nevada, in the vicinity of Austin, Lander county, upon which he resided until 1870. In that year he returned to Illinois and began the study of medicine under Dr. A. G. Kinkead of Scottsville, subsequently matriculating in the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he attended the lectures for two years. At the expiration of that time he formed a partnership with his former preceptor, Dr. Kinkead, engaging in the practice of his profession in this county. In 1878 he went to Long Island College, Brooklyn, New York, from which institution he was awarded the degree of doctor of medicine with the class of 1878, being graduated in June. Resuming his practice in Scottsville very soon thereafter he has ever since been identified with the medical fraternity of Macoupin county. He was well adapted to the work being a man of strong sympathies and con-

scientious in his administration to the suffering, and most naturally built up a very large practice not only in the village where he lives but in the surrounding county. He is now living practically retired, the arduous duties of a country practice being too severe for one of his years.

Jacksonville, Illinois, was the scene of the marriage on the 19th of March, 1873, of Dr. Dalton and Miss Malinda J. Haynes, a daughter of Louis and Kate (Norton) Haynes, who were farming people. To Dr. and Mrs. Dalton three daughters were born: Maude, Bona and Dora. The two younger died in infancy, but the eldest married Dr. H. W. Gobble, of Greenfield, Illinois, and has three children: Harry C., Eloise and William E. Mrs. Dalton died on the 19th of August, 1890, and on the 3d of April, 1891, Dr. Dalton married Miss Emma Johnson, a daughter of John R. and Matilda (Brown) Johnson. The father is living and engages in the cultivation of his farm south of Scottsville, but the mother is deceased.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Dalton affiliate with the Christian church, and he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Scottsville Lodge, No. 426, A. F. & A. M., and Scottsville Camp, No. 506, of the Modern Woodmen of America, while both, he and his wife, hold membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. Dr. Dalton is an ex-president of the Macoupin County Medical Society, and he is a member of the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. During the long period of his connection with the profession Dr. Dalton has witnessed great progress in the medical science, particularly in surgery, which branch was practically in its infancy when he began his practice. He is one of the highly esteemed citizens of the county and holds the regard of many of the best people.

HENRY GREER.

Agricultural pursuits have always engaged the attention of Henry Greer, who was born in Okawville, Washington county, Illinois, on the 31st of March, 1845. His parents were Henry and Malinda (Dodson) Greer, the father being a native of Ireland. Having been left an orphan and entirely dependent upon his own resources in his early youth, Henry Greer, Sr., at the age of sixteen years, emigrated to the United States. He located in Illinois and when old enough entered one hundred and sixty acres of land in Washington county. After erecting a log cabin in which to live he immediately began to place his land under cultivation. In 1865 he came to Macoupin county, settling in the village of Woodburn, where he spent the latter years of his life. After taking up his residence at Woodburn he bought two hundred and forty acres of land, forty of which at that time was timber but is now pasture land. He passed away in February, 1892, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Woodburn. The mother had died two years previously. To Mr. and Mrs. Greer were born five children: Irene, the wife of Aaron Dodson, a retired pastor of the Baptist church, of Otterville, Illinois; Henry, our subject; Jennie, who is living in the old home at Woodburn;

Major Elijah, who is deceased; and James E., who is a farmer of Woodburn. The parents were affiliated with the Baptist church and Mr. Greer belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The early years in the life of Henry Greer were not unlike those of a majority of lads reared on a farm at that period. He attended the district schools, during which time he gave much assistance in the work of the farm. After laying aside his studies he gave his entire attention to the cultivation of the fields and the care of the stock, until he was thirty-two years of age, when he bought forty acres and began farming for himself. He has since extended his farm property by purchasing eighty acres of the old homestead, and has erected a nice residence and made other extensive improvements. He engages in general farming, in which he has met with most excellent success; his fields are given careful attention and ample buildings are provided for his stock, of which he keeps a good grade.

In 1877, Mr. Greer was united in marriage to Miss Becky Partridge, who came to Woodburn in 1863. To them have been born six children: William Girard, who is an engineer on the railroad; Malinda, who is unmarried and makes her home with an uncle in Kansas; Edna, who is at home; Roy, who is a resident of New Mexico; and Emil and Alva, both of whom are living at home.

The family attend the Baptist church, of which both Mr. and Mrs. Greer are members; politically he is a republican, and has held several township offices, among others that of constable. Mr. Greer is one of the prosperous farmers of Bunker Hill township and the owner of one of the attractive homesteads of the community.

EDWARD H. MEYER.

A representative business man of Mount Olive, who is also filling the highest office of the municipality, is Edward H. Meyer, a manufacturer of soft drinks. His birth occurred in Montgomery county, Illinois, on the 22d of February, 1873, his parents being John and Johanna (Schoen) Meyer, both natives of Germany. After attaining their maturity they emigrated to the United States, both locating in the vicinity of Mount Olive, the father in Macoupin county and the mother across the line in Montgomery county. After their marriage they settled on a farm in the latter county, and for several years thereafter Mr. Meyer gave his undivided attention to agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. He subsequently removed with his family to Mount Olive, where he worked in a coal mine for many years and later engaged in the saloon business, continuing to be identified with this activity until his death in 1902. He is survived by his wife, who continues to make her home in this town. His political allegiance Mr. Meyer always accorded to the republican party, and although he never prominently participated in municipal affairs he at one time served on the town council. He affiliated with the Lutheran church, in which his wife still holds membership.

Edward H. Meyer was only a small lad when his people brought him to Mount Olive and almost his entire life has been spent here. His education was obtained

in the German schools, practically his entire knowledge of English being self-acquired. He first worked at farm labor and later as a miner, following that occupation for several years, later he purchased a third interest in the mercantile establishment of Bartels, Brockman & Co. After being identified with this firm for two years he sold his interest and went to Seward, Nebraska, where he engaged in the bottling business for three years. Having decided at the end of that time that he preferred Illinois to Nebraska for a place of residence, he sold his business and returning to Mount Olive established a similar enterprise here. He has been very successful and is now doing a large and profitable business. In 1907 he was granted the agency of the Miller Brewing Company at Milwaukee, but he relinquished this connection in 1910 to accept that of the Leisy Brewing Company of Peoria, Illinois, which he still retains.

Mr. Meyer was married in 1894 to Miss Anna Aberle, a daughter of the late Joseph Aberle. There are six children: Juliette, Ervine, Elmer, Walter, Vera and Edward, Jr.

Politically Mr. Meyer has always been an ardent republican. He takes an active interest in all municipal affairs, his first official position having been that of assessor of Mount Olive township, to which office he was elected in 1899. He held the assessorship for two years and in 1905 was elected a member of the town council of Mount Olive, serving in this capacity for one term. At the municipal election of 1911 he was the successful candidate for the office of mayor, of which office he is the present incumbent. Mr. Meyer is one of the town's able business men, whose influence and energies have always been largely devoted to the advancement of public interests.

FRANCIS B. ALDERSON.

Francis B. Alderson, one of Macoupin county's native sons who engages in general farming and stock-raising on a quarter of section 17, North Otter township, is meeting with a goodly measure of success, both branches of his business having proven to be very lucrative. His natal day was the 9th of October, 1876, and his parents are W. C. and Lucretia Almira (Rafferty) Alderson. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Alderson numbered ten: one who died in infancy; John H., an extensive landowner residing near Houston, Texas; Warner J., who is also a resident of Texas; another who died in infancy; William E., who is living at Virden; Etta, the deceased wife of William R. Riffey, of Macoupin county; Mary E., who is the wife of Charles Brennan, now making her home in Virden; Ella M., who married H. H. Chaffin, of Virden; Francis B., our subject; and Iva M., the wife of John G. Clemmons of Jacksonville, Illinois. The father for many years was engaged in agricultural pursuits in this county, but he retired to Virden in 1892, and there he and his wife continue to reside. Their history is more fully treated elsewhere in this work under Mr. Alderson's name.

The major portion of the life of Francis B. Alderson has been spent on a farm, with the work of which he became familiar in his boyhood and youth. His education was completed in the high school of Virden, and terminating his

studies at the age of sixteen he worked with his brother for four years. When he was twenty years of age he took charge of the farm on which he is now residing, operating it for six years. At the expiration of that period he withdrew from agricultural pursuits and went to Virden, where for three and a half years he operated an elevator. He subsequently engaged in the grocery business, but disposing of the same at the end of eighteen months he returned to farming. He bought another tract of land, containing one hundred and five acres, adjoining his quarter section, and for two years thereafter cultivated the entire two hundred and sixty-five acres. His later purchase he then disposed of and since has devoted his energies to the cultivation of his original tract only. Mr. Alderson has always done a great deal of stock feeding, this undertaking having netted him a very gratifying income.

It was on the 24th of February, 1897, that Miss Lora Dell Wilhite became Mrs. Francis B. Alderson. She is a daughter of Alonzo and Elizabeth (Lanham) Wilhite. Mr. and Mrs. Alderson were the parents of one child, Lola Fern, who was born on the 16th of February, 1898, and died on the 30th of November, 1905.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Alderson affiliate with the Christian church, while he is also identified with the Masonic fraternity. His political preference is for the democratic party, but he has never been an aspirant to public honors or the emoluments of office, having led a somewhat retiring life, devoting his entire attention to the direction of his personal interests. Nevertheless he takes an active interest in all vital community affairs, recognizing the responsibilities of citizenship by giving his support and encouragement to ever progressive movement inaugurated.

GEORGE WOLF.

George Wolf, who with his brother Frank is engaged in the cement business in Staunton, Macoupin county, was born in Peoria, Illinois, on the 10th of July, 1865, being the youngest child born of Frank J. and Louisa (Bloss) Wolf. The parents were both natives of Germany, whence the father emigrated to the United States in his early manhood. He settled in Pittsburg where he was subsequently married, soon thereafter coming with his bride to Peoria, Illinois, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Their family numbered five, those beside our subject being: Christina, who is deceased; Amelia, who is living in Kansas; Frank, who is in partnership with his brother; and William, of Peoria.

Reared in the city where he was born, George Wolf obtained his education in the public schools. When old enough to begin his career as a wage earner, he entered a barber shop where he learned the trade. He followed this profession in Peoria for twenty years, then withdrawing from it removed to Worden, Illinois, where he became associated with his brother, who for some time had been engaged in the cement business there. Two years later they removed their business to Staunton, where they have ever since been located. They have a large and efficiently equipped plant and manufacture all kinds of cement blocks in addition to which they do contract work.

In 1887, Mr. Wolf was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Volkers, and to them have been born seven children: Hazel, who is deceased; and Frank, Hilda, Joseph, Marguerite, Erma and Robert, all of whom are at home.

Fraternally Mr. Wolf is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias, and politically his support is given to the republican party, although his attention has always been too much given to his business to enable him to participate actively in municipal affairs.

Frank Wolf, the third member of the family of Frank J. and Louisa (Bloss) Wolf, is also a native of Peoria, Illinois. After the completion of his education, which was obtained in the public schools, he learned the mason's trade, following this occupation until he engaged in the cement business. For his wife Mr. Wolf chose Miss Lena Heinemeyer and they have become the parents of five children: George, Frank, Leona and Alice, who are at home; and one who died in infancy.

Fraternally Mr. Wolf is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and he votes with the republican party. Both brothers are capable business men, and during the period of their residence in Staunton have built up a good patronage, having created an extensive demand for their products.

WILLIAM THOMAS TRIMBLE.

Ever since his boyhood William Thomas Trimble, who occupies a beautiful home in Girard township, has been identified with agricultural interests and as a native of Illinois he is well acquainted with its marvelous possibilities of soil and climate, making the state one of the richest and most desirable commonwealths of the Union. He early became acquainted with the importance and value of labor and has performed his share in the development of Macoupin county as an attractive section for business or residence. Being a man of marked energy and perseverance, he usually carries to a successful issue anything he undertakes and, therefore, is a representative and valued citizen.

Born on his father's farm in this county September 4, 1864, William T. Trimble is a son of James and Sarah (Jones) Trimble. He received his early education in the country schools and assisted his father in farm work until 1883 when he went to Montgomery county where he continued for three years. He then returned to Macoupin county and engaged in farming. Since 1889—a period of twenty-two years—he has lived upon the place he now cultivates, and as he applies modern ideas and keeps fully abreast of the times as to methods, he has met with a gratifying measure of success.

On the 28th of December, 1886, Mr. Trimble was married in Girard township to Miss Alice S. Huff, a native of Jersey county, Illinois, and a daughter of Wilson T. and Catherine (Ferrell) Huff, the former of whom was born in Ohio and the latter in Michigan. The father came to Macoupin county, Illinois, in 1866, locating on the farm which is now the home of Mr. Trimble and his family.

Mr. Huff was a successful agriculturist and stock-raiser and was prominent in local affairs, serving as supervisor from Girard township. His father, John Huff, was a native of Germany. He emigrated to America and was married to Sarah Ball, of Ohio, whose family has been traced back as far as Revolutionary times in Colonial history. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Trimble—Harry Wilson and Ina Mae.

Fraternally Mr. Trimble is a valued member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Mutual Protective League. In church relations he is a Baptist. Ever since casting his first ballot he has favored the principles of the democratic party but has never slavishly followed political leaders as he has independent proclivities and often votes for the man irrespective of the emblem at the head of the ticket. He has served most acceptably as highway commissioner and school director but his chief interest has been centered upon his business and his family. In his relations to others he is uniformly kind and obliging and he possesses in an eminent degree the esteem of his fellow men wherever his influence extends.

DANIEL W. WAGNER.

Daniel W. Wagner, who is engaged in market gardening in Virden township, was born in Carroll county, Indiana, on the 3d of July, 1850. His parents, Daniel D. and Esther (Wagner) Wagner, were natives of Pennsylvania, whence they moved to Ohio, later locating in Indiana, where the father engaged in agricultural pursuits until his demise in 1868. The mother survives at the age of ninety-one years and now makes her home with her daughter near Oakley in Macon county. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Wagner numbered six: Daniel W., our subject; David, who is a resident of Fayette county, Illinois; Susan, who married David Buckingham, of Macon county, Illinois; Eli, who is a resident of Laplace, Illinois; Jacob, who is living at Oakley, Illinois; and Catharine, who is deceased.

The common schools of his native state enabled Daniel W. Wagner to acquire an education, but being the eldest of the family and the son of a widow much responsibility devolved upon him. He remained at home with his mother until he was twenty-four years old when he married and began to work for himself. He rented eighty acres of land which he cultivated until 1897, when he came to Virden and bought a five-acre tract, upon which he raises vegetables, berries and plants. This enterprise has proven to be very profitable and he now owns a handsome residence and has a very attractive place which is netting him a good income.

On the 11th of January, 1875, Mr. Wagner was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Riffey. Her parents, Minor and Mary (Wrightsman) Riffey, were both natives of Virginia, where the father engaged in farming until the removal of the family to Macoupin county, Illinois, in 1869. Here he purchased land and continued to follow agricultural pursuits. His death occurred in 1893 and his wife died in 1879. Both were earnest members of the United Brethren church and he was a republican in politics. In their family were five children

who reached years of maturity and four are now living, namely: Mary, the wife of Henry Riffey; Samuel, who married Sarah Garst and lives in Kansas; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Wagner; and Susan, the wife of Dayton Ohnart, living near Girard, Illinois.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wagner were born seven children, five of whom are living: Lilly, the wife of Walter Duncan, a resident of Virden; Esther, the wife of Ernest Palmer, of Jerseyville, Illinois; Charles, also a resident of Virden; Harvey, a surveyor of Granite City, Illinois; Lora, who is engaged in teaching in the public schools and resides at home; and two who died in infancy. The family attend the United Brethren church, in which the parents hold membership, and Mr. Wagner is a republican in politics.

JOHN ROHR.

John Rohr, senior partner of Rohr & Geiger, proprietors of one of Carlinville's leading meat markets, was born in this city on the 5th of February, 1869. He is a son of Michael Rohr, a native of Germany, who emigrated to the United States when a child with his father, John Rohr, the mother having died in the old country. They were among the early settlers of Macoupin county, and here the son Michael was apprenticed to the cooper's trade, which he followed until age compelled him to withdraw from active work. He is now living retired but he and his wife continue to make their home in Carlinville, where the entire period of their domestic life has been spent. Mr. Rohr is a veteran of the Civil war, having served for three months in Company K, Seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Cook. He married Miss Dina Mieke, who was born in Germany but reared in Macoupin county, a daughter of Henry and Sophia (Burgdorff) Mieke, who emigrated from the fatherland during the pioneer period of this country, where both passed away, the mother at the age of sixty-nine and the father at eighty. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rohr were the parents of nine children: Hattie, the wife of Henry Loges, of Carlinville; Matilda, who married Carl Schupmann, also of Carlinville; John, our subject; Frank, who is living in Carlinville; Lydia, the wife of David Cunningham, of Edwardsville; Frieda, who married Otto Kahlbreier, of Chicago; Flora, the wife of Edward Featherstone, of Barker, New York; and Edward and Samuel, both of whom are living in Carlinville.

Reared in his native county, in the pursuit of an education John Rohr was sent to the German parochial and public schools of Carlinville. During his vacations he applied himself to farming and learning the cooper's trade, which latter he followed until about fourteen years ago, when he decided to become a butcher. For eleven years he applied himself to this occupation in the service of others, but at the expiration of that period considering that he was fully qualified to begin for himself he established a market. He operated this alone until the 1st of January, 1911, when he took Mr. P. J. Geiger into partnership and the business has ever since been conducted under the firm name of Rohr & Geiger.

On the 6th of May, 1906, Mr. Rohr was married to Miss Anna Meyer, who was also born and reared in Carlinville but is of German parentage. Her father, Frank Meyer, was born in Wahle, Brunswick, Germany, December 29, 1838, and came to America in 1850. He was married in Carlinville, Illinois, on the 25th of September, 1868, to Miss Caroline Burgdorff, also a native of Germany, who was born July 24, 1849, in Gr. Lafferde, Hanover. She came to America October 28, 1867, with her sister Miss Anna Burgdorff and on landing in New York proceeded to Carlinville, where she has resided ever since. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Burgdorff, both of whom died in 1890, the father at the age of seventy-two years and the mother at the age of sixty-two. To Mr. and Mrs. Meyer were born twelve children, eight of whom are still living, namely: Lena, Dora, Anna, Fritz, Ferdinand, John, Walter and Clara. Mr. and Mrs. Rohr have three children, two sons and a daughter: Elmer, George and Anita.

They affiliate with the German Evangelical church, in the faith of which denomination they were both reared, their parents holding membership in the same organization. His political allegiance has always been accorded the republican party. Mr. Rohr has led an active life, and is now faithfully applying himself to the development of a business that gives every assurance of rewarding his efforts in a most substantial manner.

JOHN W. HAYS.

General farming and stock-raising engages the attention of John W. Hays, who owns between five and six hundred acres of excellent land, located on sections 24, 26 and 35, North Otter township, part of which is under cultivation. He was born on the place where he now resides on the 27th of January, 1837, being a son of Eli and Nellie (Hurley) Hays, the father a native of Indiana and the mother of Germany. The father came to Macoupin county in the early '30s and preempted two hundred and forty acres of land, the papers issued by the government giving him title to the property now in the possession of the son John W. Mr. Hays engaged in the cultivation of this land until his demise in 1881. The mother passed away about ten years previously. To Mr. and Mrs. Hays were born ten children, namely: William, Willis, James, Aaron and Jane, all of whom are deceased; John W., our subject; and Nancy, Sarah and Mary, also deceased; and Elizabeth, the widow of the late Ely Jones, of Girard.

John W. Hays began his agricultural career at the age of eight years, when he was put to work plowing with a team of steers. In the acquirement of his education he attended the district schools of the vicinity at such times as his services were not required for the work about the farm. After becoming familiar with the common branches, he devoted his entire attention to farming. He had acquired extensive holdings prior to the death of his father, following which he purchased the interests of the other heirs in the homestead. In connection with the tilling of his extensive fields he raises and feeds many cattle and hogs. A man of practical ideas at the same time progressive in his methods he has met with excellent success and is now known as one of the affluent agriculturists of

Macoupin county. He has practically lived retired for the past ten years, leaving it to his children to carry on the farm work.

On the 6th of December, 1856, John W. Hays was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda England, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Hays) England. Mrs. Hays passed away on the 28th of December, 1892, and was laid to rest in Union cemetery in North Otter township. Mr. and Mrs. Hays were parents of twelve children: George and Samuel, both residents of Macoupin county; Edward, who is at home; Mary Ellen, the wife of Edward Coe; Osa Lee, who is deceased; Robert Owen, also a resident of Macoupin county; Cephas, living on the old home farm; and Cenie, also at home. The four eldest children died in infancy.

The religious faith of the family is manifested through their affiliation with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which the mother held membership. Politically Mr. Hays is a democrat; he always takes an active interest in community affairs and has held various township offices. In every sense of the word Mr. Hays is a self-made man, having acquired practically all he owns through his own personal endeavors. His life is but one more proof of the fact that success is not so much a matter of opportunity as it is the ability to recognize and adapt opportunity to individual needs.

HENRY GEHNER, SR.

More than half a century ago Henry Gehner, Sr., who is now living in Cahokia township, began making his way against heavy odds as a farmer. He allowed no difficulty to stand long in the path of his advancement and one obstacle after another was conquered until he became one of the most prosperous farmers of the township, being now the owner of two hundred and seventy-eight acres of highly productive land, the value of which is yearly increasing. He has reared a large family and by his example of perseverance and energy has encouraged many to persist in well doing.

He is a native of Prussia, Germany, born August 13, 1830, and is a son of John Frederick and Ann Elizabeth (Steinberg) Gehner, both of whom spent their entire lives in the old country. Reared under the paternal roof, he secured his preliminary education in the common schools and continued at home until twenty-three years of age. On the 12th of September, 1853, he went aboard a sailing vessel at Bremen, bound for New Orleans, and after a voyage of about twelve weeks landed in the Crescent city at the mouth of the Mississippi river. He proceeded up the river in a steamboat to St. Louis and from that place went to Frederick, Missouri, where he worked for three months upon a farm. At the end of the time named he returned to the city and was for a year and a half employed about the premises of one of its wealthy men. Having decided to devote his attention to farming, he then came to Illinois and for three years worked as a farm hand on a place near Jacksonville. Having prepared to assume larger responsibility he rented land until the spring of 1865, when he removed to Montgomery county and continued renting for another year. In



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1866 he bought eighty acres of raw prairie land in Cahokia township, Macoupin county, and there established his home. Two months after arriving here he purchased sixty acres additional and after ten or twelve years of successful application to agriculture and stock-raising he acquired a tract of one hundred and sixty acres adjoining, making in all three hundred acres of which he was the owner. He has, however, disposed of twenty-two acres and still holds two hundred and seventy-eight acres. He is recognized as a representative man who has nobly performed his part in the development of the resources of this region.

In 1857 Mr. Gehner was married to Miss Wilhelmina Mary Schweppe, who was born in Germany, and they have had eight children, seven of whom survive: Mary, the wife of Louis Eickmeyer, a farmer of Cahokia township; Henry and William, both of whom are engaged in farming in the same township; Fred, a merchant of Garrison, North Dakota; Charlotte, who married John Arkebauer, of Downs, Kansas; Herman, who is engaged in teaching in the schools of Shawano, Wisconsin; and Ludwig, who is now in charge of the home place. The mother of these children died in 1878 and in the year following Mr. Gehner was married to Miss Caroline Sophia Weisbrodt, also a native of Germany. By this union five children have been born, namely: Edward, a farmer of Ireton, Iowa; Minnie, the wife of Fred Miller, of Montgomery county, Illinois; John, who is a teacher in the schools of Champaign, Illinois; Caroline, who married Edward Wrede, of Harcourt, Iowa; and Catherine, a resident of Alma, Missouri.

Mr. Gehner is justly proud of the fact that he cast his first vote after arriving in his adopted country for Abraham Lincoln as president of the United States and he has never wavered in support of the party with which the name of Lincoln will ever be connected. In religious belief he adheres to the church of his parents—the Evangelical Lutheran—and his children were reared in this faith. When he arrived in America Mr. Gehner had about eight dollars in German money in his pocket. It represented his entire financial resources. He possessed, however, two strong arms and a courageous heart and through their aid he attained financial independence. He truly deserves the confidence and respect which is accorded him by all who have the honor of his acquaintance.

DANIEL DERR.

Daniel Derr, whose demise occurred at Virden on the 4th of March, 1886, was for a number of years actively and successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits in Macoupin county, owning and cultivating six hundred acres of land. His birth occurred in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, on the 10th of July, 1816, his parents being Daniel and Margaret (Greater) Derr, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. Unto them were born five children, namely: Charles G., and Samuel, both of whom are deceased; Eliza, the deceased wife of Daniel Landis; Daniel, of this review; and Leah, who has also passed away.

Daniel Derr began learning the miller's trade when a boy and followed that occupation until 1868. In that year he came to Macoupin county, Illinois, purchasing and locating on a farm of six hundred acres in Macoupin and Montgomery counties, the county line dividing his farm. The further cultivation and improvement of that property claimed his attention until he put aside the active work of the fields in 1881 and took up his abode at Virden. There he lived retired throughout the remainder of his life, enjoying in well earned ease the fruits of his former toil. In connection with the tilling of the soil he had also devoted considerable attention to stock, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income.

On the 9th of January, 1842, Mr. Derr was united in marriage to Miss Lovina Ott, who was also a native of Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, which was the birthplace of her parents, John and Elizabeth (Newcomer) Ott. She was born November 7, 1821, and was next to the youngest in a family of ten children. In early life she united with the German Reformed church, of which she was ever a faithful member until she joined the Presbyterian church at Virden. Mr. and Mrs. Derr became the parents of four children, as follows: Elmina, who owns the home place at Virden; Emma, who is a resident of Springfield, Illinois; Mary, the wife of John F. Huston, of Houston, Texas; and Alice, who is the wife of Dr. M. H. Farmer, of Virden. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 22d of August, 1894.

Mr. Derr gave his political allegiance to the democracy and was a Presbyterian in religious faith. His life was upright and honorable in all its relations and he well merited the confidence and esteem which were uniformly accorded him.

CAPTAIN ARCHIBALD BURNS.

A valiant soldier when the republic was endangered in the great Rebellion, a useful citizen in times of peace and a true friend to his fellow men, Captain Archibald Burns, of Macoupin county, is remembered with deep respect by all who came within the circle of his influence. He was a native of Bath, County Down, Ireland, born July 12, 1837. His parents were George and Jane (McClellan) Burns, both of whom were born and spent their entire lives on the Emerald isle.

Captain Burns possessed limited advantages of education in his boyhood but he was through life of an observing nature and by reading and contact with the world overcame the disadvantages under which he labored in his earlier years. He left home when young and spent two years with an older brother, Thomas, in Scotland. At the age of thirteen he emigrated to America and first took up his residence in Pennsylvania where he secured employment in the coal mines. Subsequently he came to Illinois and for several years worked in the mines at Alton. He was a lover of the Union and when President Lincoln called for defenders of the flag, in the spring of 1861, he responded and for three months was a member of Company G, Ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. At the close of this period of service he enlisted for three years in Company D, Tenth Illinois

Volunteers, and after his term of service had expired once more enlisted in the same company and regiment. Beginning as a private he was advanced through various grades and was honorably mustered out July 10, 1865, as captain of his company. After laying aside the accouterments of war he applied himself to farming in Macoupin county and as he was a man of industry and good judgment he prospered in his calling and became the owner of nine hundred acres of land in this county, also gaining a position as one of its most respected citizens.

On February 7, 1871, Captain Burns was married to Miss Susan Ferguson, a native of Macoupin county and a sister of David Ferguson, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Burns inherited one hundred and sixty acres of land from her parents, which was the old Ferguson homestead where her father located as a pioneer in 1839. This tract still remains in possession of the family. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Burns, Henry J., Sarah Jane, Robert, George, Susan and Mary. The children are all living except George, who died in childhood, and reside with their mother.

The death of Captain Burns occurred August 13, 1906, after he had arrived at the age of seventy-four years, and the general expression of regret indicated that the community had lost one of its most esteemed citizens. His memory will remain as a benediction to all with whom he came in contact. He was a sincere believer in the Christian religion and was long a member of the Baptist church but in his later years attended the Methodist Episcopal church. He belonged to the Camp of the Grand Army of the Republic at Staunton and was also identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Politically he adhered to the republican party but not as an office seeker, the only public place he ever held being that of supervisor, which he filled with general acceptance for several terms. A descendant of a worthy race, he honestly discharged his responsibilities, and it may be said of him that he was an earnest, loyal and true-hearted man whose greatest desire it was to contribute to the happiness of those with whom he was associated. Mrs. Burns is a woman of many estimable characteristics and proved a worthy companion to her husband. She and her children are well known in Macoupin county and their home is a center of hospitality where friends are always assured of a cordial greeting.

CHARLES EDGAR BOSTON.

Charles Edgar Boston, one of the proprietors of the Girard Planing Mill, was born in Nilwood township, Macoupin county, Illinois, on the 6th of May, 1878. He is a son of Benjamin F. and Tabitha (Dalton) Boston, the father, also a native of this county, while the mother was born in Kansas. Benjamin F. Boston, the son of Reuben Boston, learned the carpenter's trade in his early manhood, following it in connection with the cultivation of his farm. He resided in Nilwood township and vicinity until 1905, when he removed to the southern portion of the state where he continues to live.

Reared on a farm Charles Edgar Boston obtained his education in the country schools of Nilwood township, after which he learned the carpenter's

trade. Leaving home in 1893 he went to Arkansas, where he spent two years in a lumber camp. He then went west for a year, returning to Macoupin county in 1896 and devoting his energies to the cultivation of the home farm until 1898. In the latter year he went to Kansas where he remained for a time and went from there to North Dakota. He returned in 1899 and spent two years in agricultural pursuits, subsequently coming to Girard, where he and Charles Gates were associated in the carpentry trade for seven years. In 1908 he became associated with C. H. Corey and together they purchased the H. K. Young planing mill, which they have ever since operated under the name of the Girard Planing Mill. This venture has proven to be very successful and they are doing a good business.

Nilwood township was the scene of the marriage of Mr. Boston and Miss Virginia L. Campbell on the 16th of April, 1902. Mrs. Boston is a daughter of Louis and Sarah (Hayward) Campbell, natives of Virginia. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Boston, Carroll Edwin and Stanley Dale Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Boston affiliate with the Baptist church, and he also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of Girard Lodge, No. 192, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all of the chairs and is now deputy. He is a member of Carpenter's Union, No. 1234 of Girard, of which organization he is financial and recording secretary. His political prerogatives he exercises in support of the democratic party, and is now alderman from the first ward of Girard, to which office he was elected in 1910. The various official positions to which he has been elected in both the municipality and private organizations manifest the regard in which Mr. Boston is held generally in his community, among whose citizens he numbers many loyal friends.

HUGH WILSON.

Hugh Wilson, superintendent of Mine No. I, Staunton, Macoupin county, was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, on the 26th of January, 1859, being a son of James and Margaret (Reid) Wilson. The parents were natives of the same portion of Scotland and there they spent their entire lives. They were residents of the village of Dreyhorn, where for forty-five years the father worked in the mines. He was a capable and trustworthy man and his abilities being recognized he was advanced until he became superintendent. To Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson were born ten children, in order of birth they are as follows: John, who is deceased; Hugh, our subject; James, who is also deceased; William, superintendent of the Streater Coal Company of Peoria, Illinois; David, who is a resident of Roanoke, Minnesota; and Thomas and Elizabeth, both of whom are deceased; Agnes, the wife of James MacDonald, of Scotland; Janet, the wife of James Henderson of Scotland, and Margaret, who is deceased.

Being one of the elder members of a family of ten, Hugh Wilson was not given the advantage of acquiring a very good education. In common with the majority of the lads in the mining districts of his native country he became a wage earner at eleven years of age. When he was seventeen years old he be-

came a miner with a younger brother working under him as an apprentice. He continued in this vocation until he reached the age of nineteen when he went to Bradford, England, where for four years he worked in a woolen factory. Always having been most desirous of becoming a citizen of the United States, he determined to realize his ambition and with this purpose in view carefully saved a portion of his meager earnings each month, until he had acquired the necessary passage money. Upon his arrival in this country he made his way westward to Illinois, following various occupations at different points. He subsequently worked in New Mexico, Kansas and Missouri, then went back to Scotland on a visit. Upon his return to this country he settled in Kimmundy, Illinois, where he worked for eleven years. At the expiration of that period he came to Staunton to take a position in the mines and, possessing more than average ability besides being steady and reliable, he was advanced to mine examiner and eventually made superintendent of Mine No. I, in which capacity he continues to serve. He has the supervision of three hundred and fifty workmen and has an output from his mine of seventeen hundred tons of coal per day. Thrifty and persevering Mr. Wilson has acquired a very comfortable residence and some other real estate in Staunton.

Mr. Wilson has been twice married, his first union being in 1886 with Miss Mary Hamilton, who passed away in 1901. Unto them were born three children, two of whom are deceased: James, the first born; and Hugh, the youngest member of the family. Robert, the second son, is living and continues to make his home with his father. In 1905 Mr. Wilson married Miss Mary Anne Boyle, and they have become the parents of three children: Anna, David and Hugh, Jr.

In religious faith the family are Presbyterians, Mr. Wilson being a trustee of the church. He is affiliated with several fraternal orders, being a member of both the Knights of Pythias and Masonic orders of Staunton, and the Knights of Honor of Kimmundy, while both he and his wife hold membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. Ever since granted the right of suffrage by naturalization, he has cast his ballot for the republican party, and he is now a member of the town council.

JOHN H. BRUBAKER.

One of the fine homesteads of Virden township is the one hundred and sixty acre farm of John H. Brubaker, located on section 18. In addition to the cultivation of his farm Mr. Brubaker devotes a great deal of attention to religious work, having been pastor of the Church of the Brethren for the past sixteen years.

He was born in Clark county, Ohio, on the 15th of May, 1852, his parents being Jacob and Anna (Frantz) Brubaker, the father a native of Virginia and the mother of Ohio. In his early manhood Jacob Brubaker moved to the Buckeye state, where he met the lady who subsequently became his wife. In the fall of 1863 they removed to Illinois, locating on a farm in Virden township, Macoupin county, in the cultivation of which the father successfully engaged in connection with stock-raising for many years. He was one of the enterprising,

public-spirited citizens of the community and took an active interest in advancing the development of this section of the county. As a Christian man he was actively and earnestly interested in all religious matters, contributing liberally both of his time and money in promoting the church with which he affiliated. He passed away on the 12th of March, 1894, and was laid to rest in Pleasant Hill cemetery, the land for which had been contributed by himself and his son John H. The mother survived for many years thereafter, her death occurring on the 19th of December, 1906. To Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker were born nine children: Elizabeth, the deceased wife of the late George Shull, of Virden township; Nancy, the wife of James A. Shull, also of Virden; Sarah, who died when she was six years of age; Catherine, the deceased wife of Jacob Blickenstaff of Ottawa, Kansas; Phoebe, who was fifteen years old at the time of her death; John H., our subject; Samuel S., a resident of Virden; Ezra, who is living in Macoupin county; and Martha, who died in infancy.

As he was a lad of eleven years when his parents settled in Macoupin county John H. Brubaker had been a pupil of the common schools of his native state for several years, the course there pursued being supplemented by further study after locating here. While attending the district school he was becoming acquainted with the best methods of cultivating the fields and caring for the stock, under the capable supervision of his father. He continued at home with his parents until his marriage at the age of twenty-three years, when he began his independent career as an agriculturist. For two years thereafter he cultivated ninety acres of rented land and then removed to a tract of one hundred and eighty-seven acres, which he leased for three years. At the expiration of that period he purchased his father's homestead, where he has ever since resided. Mr. Brubaker's agricultural efforts have proven very successful and he is now one of the substantial farmers of Virden township. In addition to the cultivation of his extensive fields he devotes much time and attention to stock-raising, both having proven to be very lucrative.

Mr. Brubaker, who has married twice, was first united to Miss Lizzie Neher, their marriage being solemnized on the 7th of February, 1875. Mrs. Brubaker was a daughter of John and Lydia (Studebaker) Neher, by whose union were born four children, as follows: Eliza, who is deceased; Lizzie, who passed away on the 8th of August, 1903; David, a resident of Elcampo, Texas; Elma, the deceased wife of Jacob Shutt, of Girard. Both Mr. and Mrs. Neher had been previously married, his first union having been with a Miss Gharst, who bore him three children: Michael, who is deceased; Noah, who was a resident of Lordsburg, California, but is now deceased; and Susan, the wife of Charles C. Gibson, of Girard, Illinois. Mrs. Neher's first husband was a Mr. Wirt, by whom she had two sons, John, who is deceased; and James, who is living in Virden township.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker consisted of seven children: Vida Olive, who was born on the 1st of August, 1880, the wife of H. H. Masterson, of Virden; Irvin J., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume; Stella C., who was born on the 17th of July, 1884, and is living at home; Herschel, who was born in February, 1887, and died in infancy; D. Earl, who was born in August, 1888, and is at home; Arthur, who was born in June, 1891, and died

when a little over two years of age; and Ethel Mae, who was born April 2, 1895, and is also at home.

On the 26th of May, 1909, Mr. Brubaker was married the second time to Miss Elizabeth Howe. Her parents, William and Sarah (Mohler) Howe, were both natives of Pennsylvania and have now passed away. In their family were twelve children, namely: Sarah, the deceased wife of Noah Rudy, of Illinois; Joseph, also deceased; Jacob, a resident of Pennsylvania; Mary, deceased; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Brubaker; Anna and John, both deceased; Emma Jane, the wife of C. S. Van Dyke, of North Dakota; Aramina Ellen, the wife of William Kinsey, of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania; William Mohler, a resident of Johnstown, that state; Edward Martin, who is also living in Pennsylvania; and Roland L., of Philadelphia. Mrs. Brubaker was for some years a teacher in the public schools of Pennsylvania and Iowa, and for almost two years was matron in an orphanage in the former state. From 1884 until 1894 she was connected with Juniata College, where she was graduated in the teacher's course with the class of 1885. On resigning her position as teacher in that institution she spent seven years in a Chicago mission, studying for two years of that period at Moody Institute. Returning to Pennsylvania, she was engaged in Bible mission work for a year and then went to Brooklyn, New York, where she was connected with a city mission and also attended Dr. White's Bible Teachers Training School in New York city. Since her marriage she has been associated with her husband in his work and they are now conducting a mission at Greenridge, near Girard.

During the long years of his residence in Virden township Mr. Brubaker's life has ever been such as to indicate that he is striving, as nearly as possible, to emulate the teachings of Him he has elected to follow, both his private and public relations being guided by those principles which he advocates.

IRVIN J. BRUBAKER.

Irvin J. Brubaker, the eldest son of John H. and Lizzie (Neher) Brubaker, was born on the 28th of December, 1882, in Virden township. He was reared on a farm, acquiring his early education in the district schools of the vicinity, after the completion of which he attended the Pleasant Hill high school. As is common with the majority of farmer lads while attending school, he assisted with the work of the fields, and thus, by the time he was ready to lay aside his text-books, he had acquired a very thorough understanding of practical agricultural methods. He remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-five years old when he married and established a home of his own. For one year thereafter he engaged in the cultivation of an eighty acre tract of rented land, but at the expiration of that period he leased another eighty acre tract adjoining his father's farm and also rented a portion of the old homestead. Here he has ever since continued to reside devoting his attention to general farming and stock-raising with increasing success.

Dayton, Ohio, was the scene of the marriage of Mr. Brubaker and Miss Bertha Mumma, the ceremony being performed on Christmas day, 1907. Mrs. Brubaker is a daughter of George F. and Lizzie (Denlinger) Mumma, natives of the Buckeye state, now residing in the vicinity of Dayton. Their family numbered five: Bertha, now Mrs. Brubaker; Ida, who is deceased; Melvin, who is a resident of Dayton, Ohio; Esta, who is also deceased; and one dying in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker are the proud parents of two daughters: Fern Elizabeth, who was born on the 19th of February, 1909; and Orpha Pearl, whose birth occurred on the 4th of April, 1910.

In matters religious they affiliate with the Church of the Brethren and, politically, Mr. Brubaker is a republican but has never been an office seeker. He is one of the progressive and energetic young agriculturists of Virden township, whose efforts are being rewarded in a very substantial manner.

WILLIAM J. SOLOMON.

William J. Solomon is a representative of one of Macoupin county's very earliest pioneer families, his people having located here in 1825—the fourth family to settle in the county. He was born in North Palmyra township on the 3d of December, 1845, a son of Jesse J. and Nancy (Hollingsworth) Solomon.

The Solomons are of Welsh and English extraction. The first members of the family to locate in America settled in Maryland and North Carolina during the colonial period. They were ever loyal citizens, true to the principles of the colonists, the great-grandfather having fought in the Revolution under General Marion. On one occasion while he was away fighting for independence the tories visited his home on a tour of pillage. His wife, recognizing the futility of resistance, quietly permitted them to confiscate whatsoever they desired until they started to take some valuable yarn. Realizing this could be of no possible use to them she quickly and most rightfully resented their conduct and immediately began to defend her property and rights as a citizen, and with the aid of a poker, quietly seized from before the open fire, succeeded in driving off the marauders.

Louis Solomon, the grandfather of our subject, was born in North Carolina in 1780, and there he was reared and educated. In 1798 he married Sarah Bowden, a daughter of John Bowden. She was a representative of a well known family, her father having been a prominent and affluent citizen of Franklin county. In 1811 they removed with their family from North Carolina to Logan county, Kentucky, where they resided for ten years. At the expiration of that period they went to Muhlenberg county, that state, and there Jesse J. Solomon, the father of our subject, was born on the 17th of February, 1823. Louis Solomon was an agriculturist, but meeting with reverses through the failure of a bank, was forced to make a fresh start in business life, and, deciding that he preferred to do this in a new country, he came to Illinois in the fall of 1826. He hired a one-horse cart for ten dollars and in this vehicle the mother and three younger children rode, while the other members of the family, twelve in all, walked from their home in Kentucky to Illinois. That winter they lived in a sod house and in

the spring of 1827 came to Macoupin county, where Mr. Solomon engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. He passed away in August, 1849, having survived his wife about six months, her demise occurring in February of the same year. Both were about seventy years old at the time of their deaths. Mr. Solomon had met with success in his agricultural pursuits and acquired many acres of land. He was a justice of the peace of Macoupin county, having received his commission from the government.

Jesse J. Solomon, who was only a child of three years when his parents came to Illinois, was reared and educated in Macoupin county. His schooling was very limited and of a most indifferent kind, owing to the inadequate provision made for education in the country during pioneer days. He was trained in the care of the fields and the stock from his earliest boyhood, and when old enough to begin life for himself entered eighty acres of government land, adding to his holdings at different times as he was able until he had acquired two hundred and eighty seven acres. He passed away on the 8th of January, 1863, at the age of thirty-nine years. In his religious views he was a Baptist and a democrat in politics. He was a man of rare principle and fine character, highly esteemed for his many sterling qualities. One of his brothers, Judge Louis Solomon, was quite prominent in political affairs during the early days of the county. He was originally a democrat, but later transferred his allegiance to the greenback party. In addition to having filled various minor offices of the township and county he was elected to the state legislature and was at one time a state senator.

William J. Solomon obtained his education in the common schools prior to the age of nine years, at which time he laid aside his text-books and began to assist with the work of the farm. When he was twenty-one years of age he began farming for himself on his father's land, engaging in general farming and the feeding of cattle and hogs. Twenty-five years ago he located on his present place, which at that time contained but fifty acres of land. As his circumstances enabled him he extended the boundaries of his farm until it now embraces one hundred and twenty acres. He was at one time one of the most extensive feeders in the county, shipping large consignments of cattle and hogs to the St. Louis markets. His efforts were most substantially rewarded and, although he is still living on his homestead, he has retired from the active work of the fields, having rented his land.

On the 28th of January, 1869, his plans for a home of his own had their culmination in his marriage to Miss Louisa Isabel Hulse, a daughter of William and Hannah (Cox) Hulse, natives of Tennessee. Mrs. Solomon was born in Washington county, Tennessee, and by her marriage became the mother of four children: George W., who acquired his early education in the common schools of this county, after which he attended the normal at Bushnell, and was graduated from the State Normal at Bloomington in 1906. He is now teaching at Gillespie, Illinois. He married Miss Elsie Iona Land and has one child, Jessie Dale. Externally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, holding membership in all of these organizations at Palmyra. Abraham C. lived at home up to the time of his death. William A. attended the public schools and later entered the Marion Sims Dental School, remaining there one year, and then became a student at the Barnes Dental Col-

lege in St. Louis, where he was graduated in May, 1905. He is married and now engages in the practice of his profession at Modesto, Illinois. The Masonic fraternity at Palmyra also holds his membership. Elizabeth V., the only daughter, died in 1891 at the age of seven years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Solomon affiliate with the Christian church of Palmyra, in the faith of which they reared their family. He also belongs to the Court of Honor and the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Palmyra Lodge, No. 463, A. F. & A. M., while his political allegiance he accords the democratic party. He has served as collector of his township and for six years he was commissioner. He is a man who, despite the demands of his private interests, always finds time to discharge his public duties, fully recognizing his responsibility as a citizen.

LOUIS PATRICK DALEY.

Louis Patrick Daley, a well known agriculturist of Macoupin county, who is now serving his second term in the state legislature, was born in Carlinville, this county, on the 17th of June, 1868. He is a son of Henry and Catherine (Purcell) Daley, natives of Ireland, whence the father emigrated to the United States in 1849. Upon his arrival here he first located in Pennsylvania, where he remained for three years. In 1852 he came to Macoupin county, where he was employed in building the Chicago & Alton Railroad. Two years thereafter he engaged in the grocery business in Carlinville, continuing to follow this line until 1897, when he withdrew from business activities. He lived in retirement from that time until his death which occurred in 1905.

Reared in the village of Carlinville in the acquirement of his preliminary education Louis Patrick Daley attended St. Mary's parochial school, following which he was for a time in the Christian Brothers' school in St. Louis, St. Mary's College, Kansas, and Notre Dame University, Indiana. He terminated his studies at the age of eighteen years, and entered his father's store, remaining there until 1900. Withdrawing from mercantile pursuits, he engaged in farming in Macoupin county, in which activity he continues to be interested, but now spends the most of his time with his family in Carlinville.

Kansas City, Missouri, was the scene of Mr. Daley's marriage on the 16th of April, 1890, to Miss Minnie Keyes of Carlinville, a daughter of Christ and Margaret (Wendt) Keyes, the father a native of Ireland and the mother of Pennsylvania. Four children have been born to them, two sons and two daughters, the order of their birth being as follows: Henry C., Catherine, Elizabeth S. and Donald P.

The family affiliate with St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church, of which the parents are communicants, while Mr. Daley belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Carlinville Council, of which he has been grand knight. He also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Litchfield Lodge. An ardent democrat, Mr. Daley always gives his support to the men and measures of that party. He takes a prominent and active part in all local political affairs, and is now serving his second term as a member of the legislature from the thirty-eighth sena-

torial district. Before elected to his present position he held various local offices, in all of which he gave evidence of possessing the ability he has shown in representing the interests of his community.

EDWARD A. W. KEISER.

Edward A. W. Keiser, a worthy representative of the younger generation of prominent citizens in Macoupin county, has since September, 1909, served as cashier of the bank conducting business under the name of C. J. Keiser & Company at Mount Olive. His birth occurred at that place on the 2d of September, 1884, his parents being Cobus J. and Mary C. (Niemann) Keiser, who are mentioned at greater length on another page of this work. He was reared at home and in the acquirement of an education attended the Mount Olive high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1902. Subsequently he pursued a commercial course in the Bryant & Stratton Business College of St. Louis, returning to Mount Olive on the completion of his studies. In June, 1903, he entered his father's bank in the capacity of bookkeeper and collector, becoming thoroughly familiar with the banking business in principle and detail. In September, 1909, he was made cashier of the institution and has since served in that capacity, having won an enviable reputation as a courteous and able official.

On the 19th of December, 1909, Mr. Keiser was united in marriage to Miss Jeannette Lawson of Mount Olive, her father being John Lawson, a retired butcher of that place. Mr. Keiser is a republican in his political views but casts an independent ballot at local elections, supporting the candidate or measure that he deems will best conserve the general welfare. He is without political aspirations but is serving as a member of the present school board. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Evangelical Lutheran church. He has resided in Macoupin county from his birth to the present time and the circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

PAUL D. WEISS.

Paul D. Weiss, who is successfully engaged in the business of building and contracting in Staunton, was born in Saxony, Germany, on the 10th of July, 1874. His parents J. G. and Rosa (Garber) Weiss, were both natives of Saxony whence they came to the United States in 1880, settling in Staunton. The father worked in the mines until 1891 when he retired, but still makes his home in Staunton. The mother died in 1908. They were the parents of fifteen children: Paulina, who is living in St. Louis; Rosa, a resident of Staunton; Fred, who is deceased; Ernest, also living in Staunton; Lewis and Frederick, both of whom are deceased; Charles, who is living in Staunton; Mary, a resident of the same place; Paul D., our subject; Philip, deceased; John, who is residing in Staunton;

Frank, who is dead; Adolph, a resident of Staunton; Lydia, living at home; and Anna, who is deceased.

The parochial schools of Staunton provided Paul D. Weiss with his education, which was therein pursued until he was fourteen years of age. Laying aside his text-books he became a miner and remained two years in this occupation. At the expiration of that period he proceeded to St. Louis and gave his attention to the carpenter's trade, subsequently locating in Mount Olive. After a period of four years he removed to Staunton, where he has ever since been engaged in contracting and building. He is now associated with H. J. Furtwangler and during the period of their partnership they have erected some of the largest and finest buildings in Staunton and vicinity. They are skillful workmen and thoroughly reliable, having succeeded in building up an excellent business in this locality.

Mr. Weiss was married in 1899 to Miss Ida Fritz, a native of Staunton. Not having had any children of their own Mr. and Mrs. Weiss adopted a son and daughter: Wilfred, who is at home; and Gertrude, who is deceased.

A democrat in politics, Mr. Weiss has twice been elected a member of the town board, now serving his second term in this capacity. He is a member of the Carpenters' Union and his religious affiliation is with the Lutheran church, of which his wife is also a member. He is one of the enterprising and determined citizens of the town, whose energies are directed toward the development of his business in which he is meeting with splendid success.

ABRAM MOSES BULL.

A. M. Bull, who owns one of the finely improved properties of Scottville township upon which he resides, was born in Franklin township, Morgan county, Illinois, on the 9th of September, 1875. His parents are Solomon and Elizabeth (Seymour) Bull, the father a native of North Carolina and the mother of Illinois. The maternal grandparents came from Kentucky, locating in Illinois in December, 1836. Moses and Elizabeth (Fuller) Bull, the grandparents in the paternal line, always lived in North Carolina, where Mr. Bull was a large slave owner. While attending a sale of slaves on a raw wintry day he contracted a severe cold that resulted in his death a few days later. When he first located in Morgan county Solomon Bull acquired a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, but has since added to his holdings at divers times until he now owns six hundred and sixty-three acres of land. He and his wife now make their home at Franklin, Morgan county.

In his educational preparation for the responsibilities of life, A. M. Bull attended the common schools, the course therein pursued being later supplemented by a year's study at Whipple Academy. Terminating his studies he returned to his father's farm, in the work of which he assisted until qualified to begin for himself, when he rented a farm of his father that he cultivated until 1901. In September, of the latter year, he came to Macoupin county and bought three hundred and three acres of land, which he operated for eight years.

He acquired the place upon which he is now residing in 1909, and immediately thereafter took up his residence here. It is one of the most attractive places of the township, always having been well kept, while the residence and all other buildings are thoroughly modern and conveniently arranged. Mr. Bull rents his land, devoting his attention almost entirely to buying and selling country real estate.

On the 16th of January, 1901, Mr. Bull was united in marriage to Miss Cordelia Hicks, a daughter of Vine Hicks, one of the pioneer settlers of this county, a fuller history of whom will be found in the sketch of Owen Cline contained in this work. Mrs. Bull was born in Macoupin county, Illinois, in the vicinity of Scottville.

Mr. Bull is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being affiliated with Scottville Lodge, No. 426, A. F. & A. M., and he also belongs to the Eastern Star, No. 511, as does his wife, and to Camp No. 506, M. W. A. He votes for the democratic party, but does not prominently participate in political activities, as his entire attention is taken up by the direction of his own affairs.

GEORGE WATSON GROVES.

George Watson Groves, who for twenty-seven years has been successfully carrying on general farming and stock-raising in Shaws Point township, is a representative of one of Macoupin county's pioneer families. His father, Sampson Groves, was a native of Kentucky, whence he removed to Illinois in 1835, locating in Macoupin county. Here he learned the carpenter's trade and upon attaining his majority, he entered eighty acres of government land. He cleared and cultivated this, at the same time following his trade, and subsequently was able to extend his holdings by the purchase of another eighty acres. He was a most skillful mechanic and many of Carlinville's finest residences and public buildings in the early days were constructed by Mr. Groves, who continued to be actively identified with agricultural pursuits until 1888, when he retired to Carlinville. In 1844 he was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Armstrong, a native of Virginia, with whom he traveled life's journey for fifty-two years. She passed away in Carlinville on the 21st of March, 1896, but he survived until the 26th of August, 1903.

The life record of George Watson Groves began on his father's homestead in Honey Point township on the 15th of February, 1852. There he was reared and early began his training, under the supervision of his father, as an agriculturist and stockman. In the acquirement of his preliminary education he attended the district schools in the vicinity, the course therein pursued being later supplemented by study at Blackburn University. On laying aside his textbooks he taught in the district schools of the county for four years, and then decided to devote his energies to agricultural pursuits. He rented a farm, the cultivation of which proved so lucrative that at the expiration of a year he was able to buy eighty acres of land in Shaws Point township. He immediately located upon this tract and here he has continuously resided ever since. At

the time of the death of his father Mr. Groves purchased from some of the other heirs their interest in the old homestead, one hundred acres of which he now owns. With this purchase he acquired the original sheep skin patent received from the government by his father upon entering the land. He also owns seventy-two acres of land in Brushy Mound township, making the aggregate of his holdings two hundred and fifty-two acres, all in a high state of cultivation and finely improved. Mr. Groves has always met with most excellent success in his vocation and is interested in various enterprises. He is a director and one of the officers of the Gillespie Mutual Insurance Co., which duties absorb a large portion of his time, and he is also treasurer of the drainage commission of this district.

Mr. Groves was married on the 6th of February, 1884, to Miss Cora Belle Huddleston, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah A. (Walton) Huddleston, the father a native of Kentucky and the mother of Honey Point township, this county. Mr. Huddleston came to Macoupin county in the early period of its history and entered some government land. He cleared and improved this, so successfully devoting his energies to its cultivation, that he was soon able to extend his holdings. He continued to acquire more land from time to time until he owned fourteen hundred acres, all valuable property, that he operated until a few years prior to his demise, when he divided his interests among his children. His death occurred on the 19th of October, 1887, while the mother is living at the age of seventy-five and makes her home in Carlinville. To Mr. and Mrs. Groves have been born three children: Edith A., who is twenty-six, the wife of Jesse T. Groves, a farmer of Honey Point township; Viola Georgian who is twenty-one; and Homer W., who is nineteen years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Groves affiliate with the Christian church, in accordance with which faith they reared their family, while fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Court of Honor. His political allegiance he awards the republican party. At the present time he is school trustee and has served as school director for sixteen years, while he has also been tax collector of the township. Mr. Groves has ever led an active life and so intelligently concentrated his energies that he has made a success of any enterprise with which he has been identified.

CHARLES BLACKWELL.

Charles Blackwell, who has been a resident of Staunton, Macoupin county, for the past eight years, was born in Vincennes, Indiana, on the 18th of September, 1879, being a son of Thomas and Rebecca (Wampler) Blackwell. His father was a native of Wytheville, Virginia, whence he removed to Indiana in his early manhood, locating at Vincennes, where he was subsequently married. Soon thereafter he located on a farm near by in the cultivation of which he engaged until his demise in 1911. He served all through the Civil war, being a private in the Confederate army. To Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell were born five sons and one daughter, as follows: William, who is living in the vicinity of

Vincennes; Robert P., a resident of St. Louis; Edward E., who is living at Edwardsport, Indiana; Charles, the subject of this article; Nellie, the wife of R. P. Murphy, of Farmington, Missouri; and John, who is living with his mother on the farm.

Charles Blackwell was reared on the farm where he was born, attending the public schools of Vincennes in the acquirement of his education. He remained at home until he was seventeen years of age, then apprenticed himself to the barber's trade. After completing his period of service, he worked at various points in the middle states until 1902, at which time he was married. He and his wife then went to St. Louis and from there to Fulton, Missouri, coming to Staunton in 1903. For five years he followed his trade here, but since 1908 he has not been engaged in any active business. He is now in the business of negotiating money loans and derives therefrom a good income.

While residing in Edwardsville, Illinois, Mr. Blackwell was married to Miss Anna Murphy, a native of Missouri, and to them have been born two children: Charles Murphy, who is deceased, and Lorine Frances, whose birth occurred on the 18th of April, 1909.

Mr. Blackwell was reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, but is not affiliated with any denomination. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, being identified with the organizations of Staunton. He is a democrat and has served his constituency as justice of the peace and tax collector.

BERNHARD ACKERMANN.

One of the thrifty and enterprising citizens that Switzerland has contributed to the population of Staunton is Bernhard Ackermann, who for the past twenty-two years has been engaged as contractor and builder here. He was born on the nineteenth of August, 1858, his parents being Joseph Anton and Margaretha (Good) Ackermann, natives of Switzerland, in which country they passed their entire lives. The father owned a small farm, in the cultivation of which he engaged in connection with transporting by contract iron ore from the mines to the smelter. To Mr. and Mrs. Ackermann were born six children: Margaretha, Mary and Joseph A., all of whom are residents of Switzerland; Bernhard, our subject; Katharine, also a resident of Switzerland; and Arnold, who is deceased.

The first twenty-three years of his life Bernhard Ackermann spent amid the scenes of his childhood, obtaining his education in the public schools of his native land. After mastering the common branches he apprenticed himself to the carpenter's trade, which he followed in the old country until 1881. He had always been very strongly attracted toward America, being desirous of testing the truth of the wonderful stories he heard regarding its opportunities. So in 1881 he took passage for the United States and upon his arrival here made his way inward to Nevada, Missouri. After a short residence there he went to St. Louis, then to Troy, Illinois, and in 1883 he came to Staunton, where he has ever since lived. Mr. Ackermann has a cement block factory and in connection

with his carpentry contracting he does all kinds of cement work. He is a competent and skillful workman as well as a reliable business man, and since locating here has been awarded contracts for some of the finest buildings in the town, among them being the Catholic school, the Lutheran church and school, and a part of the public school buildings. He has met with financial success and now owns a very pleasant residence and other real estate in Staunton.

In 1886 Mr. Ackermann married Miss Mary T. Vollmer of Baden, Germany, who passed away in 1904. To them six children were born: Margarietha, who is deceased; Caroline, the wife of Frank Wysup, of Belleville, Illinois; A. R., also a resident of Belleville; W. B., who is living in Staunton; C. A., of Staunton; and Amy, who is living at home. In 1908 Mr. Ackermann was again married to Miss Emma Wohlwend of Switzerland.

Mr. Ackermann is a Catholic, with which denomination his family are also affiliated, and he is a member of the Western Catholic Union. He recognizes organized labor, the principles of which he upholds, through his membership in the carpenters' union. Ever since he became a citizen Mr. Ackermann has cast his ballot in support of the democratic party, and has served as a member of the town council. Since settling here Mr. Ackermann has made many staunch friends, having been found reliable in business transactions, loyal in matters of citizenship and dependable in all of his relations of life both private and public.

FRANZ JOSEPH WELTE.

Franz Joseph Welte, who for two years has been conducting a machine shop in Carlinville, during which time he has demonstrated that he is a most capable workman, was born in Bondorf, Germany. He is the only child of Martin and Caroline (Bachmann) Welte, his natal day being the 17th of March, 1856. The father was a farmer in the vicinity of Reiberg, Germany, and died at Bondorf in 1865 at the age of thirty-five years. The mother lived until 1910 and was eighty-three at the time of her demise. Both were devout members of the Roman Catholic church. Of the grandparents little is known save that they were farmers and the paternal grandfather, Anton Welte, was the father of four children.

Franz Joseph Welte, who was only a lad of nine years when his father died, was reared by his mother, attending the common schools of his native land in the acquirement of his education. When he was fourteen he was apprenticed to learn the trade of wagonmaking, with which vocation he has now been identified for forty-one years. In 1879 he took passage for the United States and upon his arrival here first located in St. Louis, where he resided for a short time and then went to Troy, Madison county, Illinois. He lived in the latter place until 1909, when he came to Carlinville and bought the machine shop of Thomas McSherry, which he is still conducting. His shop is well equipped for doing all kinds of wagon and carriage repairing and he also does horse-shoeing. That he is a most capable workman is attested by the long period he followed his trade in Troy, this state, as well as by the satisfactory work he has done since living in Carlinville.



FRANZ J. WELTE

In December, 1888, Mr. Welte established a home for himself in America by his marriage to Miss Caroline Reutel, a daughter of August and Caroline (Stull) Reutel. She is a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, whence her parents removed to Troy, Illinois, where she was living at the time of her marriage. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reutel; Elizabeth, the wife of John Schlichting; Caroline, now Mrs. Welte; August; Henry; Mary, the wife of Fred Pohenstiel; and William. Mr. and Mrs. Welte have one son, Franz August, who married Elnora Dorothy Rathke. While still a resident of Germany, Mr. Welte married Miss Frieda Gauter, who died in the fatherland, and they also had one son, Martin, who is now a resident of Carlinville, as is his second son, Franz August.

Mr. and Mrs. Welte are members of the Lutheran church, and he votes the republican ticket. He has never taken a very active part in political affairs, however, although he meets the requirements of good citizenship by casting a ballot at each election. He is an industrious, enterprising man, whose thrift has enabled him to acquire a comfortable competence that relieves him of any apprehensions as to his last years.

CHARLES WILLIAM YORK.

Charles William York, who for the past five years has lived retired in Carlinville, devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and is still the owner of two hundred acres of valuable land on sections 9 and 16, Honey Point township. His birth occurred in that township on the 1st of September, 1866, his parents being William and Mary (Wallace) York, who were natives of Tennessee and Illinois respectively. Joel York, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Tennessee and a farmer by occupation. He became a pioneer settler of Macoupin county, Illinois, and lived to attain a ripe old age. He married a Miss Jackson and unto them were born five sons and one daughter, namely: William C., Joseph, Wesley, Nimrod, James and Rebecca. The maternal grandparents of our subject, George W. and Rhoda (Powell) Wallace, had the following children: Robert, Jesse, Rebecca, Mary, Elizabeth and Sarah.

William York, the father of Charles W. York, followed farming throughout his entire business career and at the time of his demise owned two hundred and seventy acres of land in Honey Point township. He passed away on the 3d of September, 1873, while his wife was called to her final rest on the 31st of August of the same year. Mr. York held various township offices and at one time acted as deputy sheriff. Both he and his wife were Baptists in religious faith. Unto them were born nine children, four sons and five daughters. Two of the number grew to maturity, namely: Charles W., of this review; and Drucilla, the deceased wife of Daniel M. Hutton. Those deceased are Walter, Lloyd, Floyd, Flora, Dora, Laura and one who died in infancy.

Charles William York was reared on his father's farm in Honey Point township and attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education, also spending two winters at the Bunker Hill Academy. On attaining his majority

he took up his abode on a farm of eighty acres which he had inherited from his father, devoting his attention to its further cultivation and improvement until November, 1906. By purchasing an additional tract of one hundred and twenty acres he extended the boundaries of his place to include two hundred acres of land, which still remains in his possession. Five years ago he put aside the active work of the fields and bought his present home in Carlinville, also owning block 7 in the northeast part of the town.

On the 20th of October, 1887, Mr. York was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary E. Nimmons, a native of North Litchfield township, Montgomery county, Illinois, and a daughter of John and Maria (Aiken) Nimmons, who were born in County Tyrone, Ireland. Charles and Ann (Veahey) Nimmons, the paternal grandparents of Mrs. York, came to America from the Emerald isle and passed away on the home place of their son John in Montgomery county, Illinois. They had four sons and one daughter, namely: John, Charles, William, Wilson and Ellen. The maternal grandparents, James and Mary (Dickson) Aiken, died in Ireland. Unto them were born six sons and two daughters. The parents of Mrs. York emigrated to America and took up their abode on a farm in North Litchfield township, Montgomery county, Illinois, where John Nimmons owned four hundred and ninety-five acres of land. He crossed the plains in 1849 and followed gold mining for about four years. After returning to this state he resumed his farming interests, residing on the old home place until called to his final rest in 1903, when seventy-two years of age. His wife still survives him. Unto them were born eleven children, nine of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Mary E., John J., William H., Charles W., Robert T., Joseph E., Mabel E., Frank and George. Mr. and Mrs. York have three children: Mabel Clara, Ernest C. and John Oren.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. York has supported the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in the principles of that party. He served as supervisor for two terms and held the office of town clerk for a similar period. In the county where his entire life has been spent he is well and favorably known, and a host of friends are not only willing but eager to testify to his sterling worth.

CORNELIUS B. CHRISTOPHER.

An enterprising agriculturist of Chesterfield township and public-spirited citizen is Cornelius B. Christopher, who was born three miles northeast of Jerseyville, Jersey county, Illinois, on the 4th of January, 1861. The Christophers were one of the pioneer families of Pennsylvania, from which state the great-great-grandfather of our subject went to the front during the Revolution, later casting his ballot for George Washington for president of the United States. His son John was born in the Keystone state in 1802, and was reared to manhood on the old homestead. For his wife he chose Jane Hollenscheid, who was of Dutch extraction, and they subsequently removed to Somerset county, Ohio. There Mr. Christopher acquired a large tract of timber land, which he cleared,

but later removed to Jersey county, Illinois, where he rented land for two years, then bought one hundred and sixty acres. Disposing of this in 1874 he retired to a small farm in the vicinity of Jerseyville, where he died in 1881. Nine children were born by this union: Jacob, now a resident of Mitchell, Kansas; Mary, the widow of Isaac R. Ely, of Jerseyville; John, the father of our subject, who passed away on the 28th of August, 1892; Catherine, the deceased wife of Richard Fisher, of Greenfield; James, who is living in Waverly, Illinois; Helen, the widow of William Anderson, of Denver, Colorado; Sarah, who married Henry White of Jerseyville; Adam, who is a resident of the same place; and Edward, who lives in Butler, Kansas.

John Christopher, the father of our subject, resided at home until his marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Baird, a daughter of James and Rebecca (Ely) Baird of Jerseyville. Her parents moved from New Jersey about 1846, locating at Jerseyville, this state, where the father bought some land that he cultivated until his death in 1849. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Christopher settled on a farm he owned in the vicinity of Jerseyville. Cultivating this land for four years he disposed of it and in 1862 the family removed to Sangamon county, near Virden, where he bought three hundred and twenty acres. They resided upon this tract until 1870 and then sold again and returned to Jerseyville, remaining there engaging in agricultural pursuits until 1876. In the latter year they came to Macoupin county, locating near Medora, where he farmed until 1886, and then removed to Carleton, Nebraska. There he passed away on the 28th of August, 1892, having but recently celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of his birth, which occurred on the 9th of August, 1832, in Preble county, Ohio. His wife died October 7, 1908. In their family were five children: James B., who is a farmer of Carleton, Nebraska; Cornelius B., our subject; John Henry, who is an engineer living at Des Moines, Iowa; Adam, who died in infancy; and Walter E., a lawyer of Thompson, Montana, who is also a state senator from his district.

Cornelius B. Christopher was reared on a farm and obtained his education in the common schools of Illinois. He qualified himself for agricultural pursuits under the supervision of his father, whom he assisted in the cultivation of the home farm until he was twenty-two years of age. After his marriage he began for himself, farming part of the old Carter homestead as a renter. This place was located in Chesterfield township, north of Medora, where he resided for three years, then removed to Brighton, Illinois, where he also farmed as a renter. In 1901 he purchased forty acres of the Arthur C. Hartwell place on section 17, Chesterfield township, and here he has ever since continuously resided. In connection with his own holdings Mr. Christopher cultivates two hundred acres of rented land. He is a man of progressive ideas and methods and has met with a goodly measure of success in his agricultural pursuits. He takes much pride in his homestead, which presents an extremely attractive appearance to the passerby. The buildings, all substantially constructed and well kept, stand back a short distance from the road with a neat and carefully tended lawn in front.

On the 5th of December, 1882, Mr. Christopher was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Percival, a daughter of Carl and Mary Frances (Emery) Percival.

Her parents were from New Hampshire, whence they removed in 1856 to Macoupin county, locating in the vicinity of Brighton, where he passed away March 16, 1894. To Mr. and Mrs. Christopher two sons have been born: Earl Carl, who married Merle Ruyle, now farming near Carleton, Nebraska; and Irvin Lester, who married Verna Rhine and is now living at home with his father.

His political allegiance Mr. Christopher gives to the republican party, but he has never prominently figured in township governmental affairs. He takes a very active and helpful interest in all community matters, striving to uplift the standards of citizenship by giving his support and endorsement to every progressive movement inaugurated.

LOUIS SIMMERING.

The hardware interests of Mount Olive find a very capable representative in Louis Simmering, one of the town's enterprising business men and public-spirited citizens. He is a native of Germany, his birth having occurred on Christmas day, 1848, and a son of Frank and Dinah (Deickmann) Simmering, natives of Hanover, Germany. The parents spent their entire lives in the land of their birth, where the father held a government position, being the tax collector in his district.

The boyhood and youth of Louis Simmering were spent in his native land, where he obtained his education and later learned the blacksmith's trade. In 1868 he took passage for the United States, landing in New York city with a capital of eight dollars. He came directly to Illinois, spending the first two months of his residence in the state in Montgomery county, whence he came to Mount Olive, where he has lived continuously for forty-three years. After locating here he went to work at his trade, which he followed as a journeyman for eight years, then established a shop of his own. He continued to operate this place until 1897, when he recognized the excellent opening afforded here for a hardware store, so withdrawing from the shop he opened a store in the building adjoining the one he now occupies. As he increased his stock to meet the demands of a rapidly growing patronage he was forced to seek more commodious quarters so removed to his present stand, one door east of his old place, in 1903. Mr. Simmering has always been one of the progressive citizens, ever taking an active and helpful interest in all community affairs, and it is very largely due to his enthusiastic cooperation that it was found possible to organize the Mount Olive Cold Storage, Ice & Fuel Company in 1907. He was at that time appointed president of the company, and has ever since most efficiently served in this capacity.

In 1876 Mr. Simmering's plans for a home of his own had their consummation in his marriage to Miss Catherine Schwing, a native of Canada of German extraction. Mrs. Simmering's parents were both natives of the fatherland, whence they emigrated to America and located in Canada, coming to Macoupin county in 1869. Eleven children were born to them, eight of whom survive: Mary, the wife of Fred Proel, of Chicago; Otto, who works for his father;

Hermína, the wife of William Haxhold, of St. Louis, Missouri; Emma, the wife of Fred Meyer, of Mount Olive; and Elmer, Frieda, Edwin and Esther, all of whom are at home.

They are all members of the Evangelical Lutheran church, of which Mr. Simmering is an elder. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, and he has always taken an active part in all municipal affairs. He has served as township trustee, while for two terms he was mayor of Mount Olive, and he was at one time president of the council. Although he is a most active business man and has many demands made upon his time by his various personal interests, he has always found ample opportunity to meet all the requirements of good citizenship, by giving his aid to forwarding every progressive movement introduced in the community.

GEORGE LINCOLN TIPTON.

Among the self-educated men of affairs of Macoupin county, who availed themselves of the wonderful opportunities afforded in America to all who have the patience, industry and perseverance to seek them, must be mentioned George Lincoln Tipton, who became self-supporting at the age of twelve years.

He was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, on the 22d of June, 1857, and is a son of John P. and Jane (Moore) Tipton, the father a native of Tennessee and the mother of Illinois. His elementary education was acquired in the day sessions of the schools of Springfield, until he began his career as a bootblack and newsboy in 1869, following which he went to night school. He was an ambitious and industrious youth and aspired to make something of himself. Early recognizing that in order to accomplish this it was necessary to know how to do something that afforded opportunities of promotion, he apprenticed himself to the printer's trade in 1870. His days were devoted to the mastery of the craft in the office of the Illinois State Register, while in the evenings he worked in a lunch room, where often times his duties were very taxing after the long arduous hours of the day. He made rapid advance and in 1875 undertook the publication of a paper for the Greenback party of Sangamon county. Three years later he became associated with Wilson Stuve and together they came to Girard where in 1879 they established the office of the Gazette. Before the end of the year Mr. Tipton had acquired his partner's interest in the paper of which he was sole proprietor until 1905, when he turned the management of the publication over to his son, Fred L. Tipton. Without question the fact of his having to make his own way from boyhood had much to do with the development of those qualities which made of Mr. Tipton the fine business man he has proven himself to be. He possesses the determination of purpose that ever goads him on to renewed effort despite the apparent likelihood of failure; his confidence in his own powers bringing him the success he seeks. His paper flourished, and he became interested in various other enterprises in the village. He established an electric lighting plant, which he controlled for seven years, and then sold to the municipality. He was also financially interested in the John C. Beeby Furniture Company for

years, and he has been with the Mutual Protective League, a fraternal insurance company, since 1897, four years of which time he was a director, while he has been supreme treasurer since 1901.

In Girard on the 19th of December, 1883, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Tipton and Miss Alice M. Beeby, a daughter of John C. and Catherine (Howeston) Beeby, the father a native of England and the mother of Illinois. There are two children living, Fred L. Tipton and Howeston M.

The religious views of the family coincide with those of the Universalist church with which they are affiliated, Mr. Tipton being moderator at the present time. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, being a member of Girard Lodge, No. 171, A. F. & A. M., also of Girard Lodge, No. 132, R. A. M.; the Modern Woodmen of America; Knights of Pythias; Mutual Protective League, being supreme treasurer of the Supreme Council; and the Order of the Eastern Star. He maintains very pleasant connections with the press of the state through the medium of his membership in the Illinois Press Association. His political allegiance Mr. Tipton has ever given to the republican party, whose measures and candidates his paper always valiantly supported. He has been called to different positions of public trust, having served as justice of the peace for four years and supervisor of the township for two. In 1904 he was the successful candidate for circuit clerk, which position he retained for one term, being the first republican circuit clerk of Macoupin county. Under Joseph Pfeffer he was public guardian of Macoupin county and assistant state printer's expert under Governor Yates. His incumbency of any office has been marked by efficiency and a rigid and conscientious adherence to the policy and principles of the party he represented. Mr. Tipton is now living practically retired, enjoying the ease and comfort made possible by the constant and unremitting labor of his younger years.

FRED LINCOLN TIPTON.

Fred Lincoln Tipton, manager of the Girard Gazette, was born in this village on the 2d of October, 1886, and is the son of George Lincoln Tipton, a native of Illinois.

His preliminary education was acquired in the public schools of Girard and after the completion of their course, he entered Lombard College, Galesburg, Illinois, being graduated with the class of 1905. Returning home he was made manager of the Girard Gazette, then owned by his father, who founded the paper twenty-six years previously. Mr. Tipton was only eighteen years of age when he undertook the responsibilities connected with the publication of this journal, being the youngest editor and proprietor of a paper in the United States. He has maintained the policy established by his father and is editing a clean, wholesome sheet, progressive as to ideas and upright as to principle.

Mr. Tipton was married in Springfield, Illinois, on the 2d of June, 1909, to Miss Golden May Gifford, also a native of the state, and a daughter of Amasa

and Jane (Marsh) Gifford, the father originally from New York and the mother from New Jersey.

Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic lodge, being a deacon of the local organization and he is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and the Eastern Star. While in college he joined the Phi Delta Theta and is a member of the Illinois Zeta chapter. He is a republican but has always been too deeply engrossed in his business to be an aspirant to public office. Mr. Tipton is an enterprising young man, possessing the ability and assurance to enable him to make a success of the work he has undertaken.

WILLIAM H. JENKINS.

One of the most extensive landowners and successful agriculturists of Macoupin county is William H. Jenkins, whose homestead is located in North Otter township. Born in Bullitt county, Kentucky, on the 8th of July, 1851, he is the eldest child born to Nicholas and Harcalana (Connell) Jenkins. The father was a native of Kentucky and the mother of Mississippi, but she was reared in the Blue Grass state and there she was also married. They had ten children, those beside our subject being: Isaac, Robert and Lucy, all of whom are deceased; Annie, the wife of W. Lovell, of Morgan county; Jane, who is deceased; Charles and Alice, who were twins, the former a resident of Carlinville, and the latter deceased; Lorraine, the wife of John Evans, of Arkansas; and Eliza, the deceased wife of John Fulmiller, of Sangamon county.

William H. Jenkins obtained his early education in the common schools after which he entered Blackburn University. When he attained his majority he engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account, renting land from his father. Subsequent to his marriage he purchased sixty acres of land upon which he erected a residence and made other improvements, adding to his holdings at divers times until he owned one hundred and forty acres. Later he disposed of this property and purchased some land adjoining his wife's property, their joint holdings aggregating four hundred and twenty-four acres. Upon this land he has erected a brick residence and made other modern improvements, until it is now one of the most attractive, as well as valuable, properties in the township. His holdings are located on sections 29, 30 and 32 of North Otter township. and section 23 of South Otter township. Here he engages in general farming in connection with which he also raises stock.

On the 15th of July, 1875, Mr. Jenkins married Miss Charity Ellen Hayes, a daughter of Aaron and Sina (Chapman) Hayes. She is one of a family of five children, the others being: John, now deceased; Stewart, who is living in Macoupin county; Jane, the wife of John W. Goode, of this county; and Emma, the deceased wife of E. Parks, also of Macoupin county. To Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins have been born eleven children: Arthur, who died in infancy; Della, now the wife of Oliver Conlee, of this county; Osa, the wife of George Lomelino, of Macoupin county; Oscar, deceased; Ray, the wife of James Hamner; Rhoda,

the wife of Arthur Hammonds; Charles, deceased; twins who died in infancy; and two others who died in infancy.

Although believers in the Bible, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are not members of any church but give their support to the moral progress of the community. In politics Mr. Jenkins is a democrat but has never sought official honors, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests and his home.

GRANVILLE GILES RENO.

One of Shipman township's well known citizens, who has long been successfully identified with stock-raising and agricultural pursuits, is Granville Giles Reno. He was born on his father's homestead, a portion of which is now included in his own farm, on the 3d of February, 1855, and is a son of the late William S. and Martha (Haycraft) Reno.

The Reno family is of French extraction, the name originally having been spelled Renault, and numbers among its members some of America's famous citizens. A great uncle of our subject, Philip Reno, was a captain in the Revolutionary war and was awarded a grant of one thousand acres of land for his services. This tract embraced the present site of the city of Peoria, Illinois. General Reno, who was killed at the battle of Antietam during the Civil war, was also a distant relative. William S. Reno, whose birth occurred in Bourbon county, Kentucky, on the 10th of November, 1810, was a son of Charles and Lucy (Smith) Reno. The father, who was a planter originally came from Hardin county, Kentucky, whence he removed to Bourbon, locating on a large estate where his son William S. was born and reared. When old enough to begin his business career, the latter operated a tannery and at one time he also owned a distillery. About 1844 he came to Illinois, locating in the vicinity of Medora, where he bought a farm that he cultivated during the remainder of his life. Before leaving the Blue Grass state he was united in marriage to Miss Haycraft, who was a native of Hardin county, that state, her birth having occurred on the 29th of September, 1815. Mrs. Reno was a daughter of the Rev James and Frances (Van Metre) Haycraft, who were the parents of nine children. In the paternal line the family was of English extraction, but the mother was of Dutch descent as the name would suggest. The Rev. James Haycraft removed from Kentucky with his family about 1832. Mr. and Mrs. Reno's family consisted of six children: Bluford, who passed away at Medora at the age of seventy-six years; Lucy, the deceased wife of Madison Darr; Samuel, who was living in Cherokee county, Kansas, when he died; Mary Elizabeth, the widow of William Forwood, of Springfield, Illinois; James William, who is living near Medora, Illinois; and Granville G., our subject.

In the immediate vicinity in which he is now residing Granville Giles Reno was reared to manhood, the district schools in the neighborhood having afforded him his educational advantages. When he was a youth of seventeen years he and his brother James W. purchased their father's farm, consisting of one hundred and ninety acres of land located on section 19, Shipman township. This

they cultivated in partnership, extending their holdings, as they were able to until they had acquired four hundred and forty acres of tillable land. In 1892 they divided their property equally, each receiving with his share a portion of the old family homestead. Here Mr. Reno has ever since engaged in general farming; he also is an extensive feeder and raises and breeds a good grade of Short-horn cattle and Poland China hogs, while he keeps some draft horses. His farm is highly improved and well kept up, being equipped with a full line of modern farming implements.

On the 16th of December, 1877, Mr. Reno and Miss Ellen Rhoads were united in marriage. Mrs. Reno is a daughter of the Rev. John D. and Mary (Jolly) Rhoads. Her paternal grandfather was Jacob V. Rhoads, a Baptist minister, who came to Illinois from Kentucky in 1831. With his family he located at Medora, North Chesterfield township, formerly called Rhoads' Point. There in connection with his ministerial duties he engaged in farming until his death, as did also his son John D., who was reared to agricultural pursuits. Mrs. Reno is the second in order of birth in a family of six, the other members being: Margaret, the wife of Thomas Stover, of Medora; George W., who is living in Bird township, this county; Stroud K., a resident of Brighton township; Willis M., who lives in Shipman township; and Jacob V., who makes his home in the vicinity of Ainslee, Custer county, Nebraska.

To Mr. and Mrs. Reno the following children have been born, one of whom died in infancy: Effie May, the wife of Benjamin Burr, who owns and operates a coal mine at Carterville; Edward, a newspaper man of St. Paul, who married Esther Odell and has one child, Jerome; Rollin Ray, in the civil service commission, Washington, D. C., who is married and has three children, Wendell, Carl and George; and Guy and Mary, both of whom are unmarried and living at home.

The religious views of the family coincide with those of the Baptist denomination with which they affiliate, while fraternally Mr. Reno is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he gives his support to the democratic party and at the present time is acting as supervisor of Shipman township and he has been collector, while for twenty-one years he has been a director of the school district. Charitable in his judgments, liberal in his views and cordial in his manner Mr. Reno is one of the popular men of his community, not only readily making friends, but possessing those fine, inherent qualities that enable him to retain their loyalty.

CHARLES HERBERT WOODS.

One of the most promising representatives of the legal fraternity of Carlinville is Charles Herbert Woods, junior member of the firm of Walker & Woods. He was born in Hiawatha, Kansas, on the 4th of March, 1883, and is the only child born of Dr. William McKim and Lolah (Walker) Woods, natives of Illinois. The Woods family were originally of English extraction, having emigrated from the mother country to America during colonial days. The great-great-grandfather of our subject, John Woods, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

His son William Woods was the father of Dr. Levi J. Woods, a pioneer physician of Carlinville, who died there in 1851 from cholera. He was out hunting prairie chickens in the afternoon of the day preceding his death, apparently in the best of health. Upon his return in the evening he visited his patients and at two o'clock the following morning he was taken ill, dying three hours later. He was only thirty-four years of age at the time of his demise. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, having been taken into the order at the first meeting of Mount Nebo Lodge after its organization. His wife, who prior to her marriage was Miss Martha McClure, survived him many years, having attained a ripe old age at the time of her death. By their union there were born two children: William M. and Frances. The latter, who is now deceased, was the wife of Judge Herbert G. Whitlock, for many years one of the leading attorneys of Jacksonville, Illinois, and Morgan county.

Dr. William McKim Woods was born and reared in Carlinville, in whose public schools he obtained his early education, after which he attended Blackburn University. Having decided to become a physician he subsequently matriculated at Rush Medical College, Chicago, at which institution he studied for a year. He then attended the Hospital College of Medicine, Louisville, Kentucky, from which he graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1882. After his marriage he went to Hiawatha, Kansas, where he established an office and engaged in a general practice. For his wife he chose Miss Lolah Walker, also a native of Carlinville and a daughter of the Hon. Charles Augustus Walker, the supervising editor of this history of Macoupin county, and his wife, Permelia (Dick) Walker. Mrs. Woods, after completing her elementary education in the public and high schools of Carlinville, attended Blackburn University. Later she became a student at the Academy of the Visitation at St. Louis, and after graduating there she pursued post-graduate work at the Georgetown Convent, Washington, D. C., both of the latter institutions being under the supervision of the Order of the Visitation. She affiliates with the Presbyterian church.

Although born in Kansas, Charles H. Woods, was reared from an early age in Carlinville, attending the public and high schools, after which he entered Blackburn University, receiving his degree of A. B. with the class of 1904. In the following autumn he went to New Haven, Connecticut, matriculating in the law department of Yale University, where he pursued his professional studies for three years, receiving honors during each year. This institution conferred upon him the degree of LL. B., *cum laude*, in 1907. In the following October he was admitted to the bar of Illinois and immediately began practicing, being admitted as junior partner to the firm of Walker & Searcy, known as Walker, Searcy & Woods until the 1st of January, 1909, when it became Walker & Woods. The senior member of the firm is the Hon. Charles A. Walker, grandfather of Mr. Woods, who has been a prominent member of the bar of central Illinois for nearly half a century.

On the 26th of November, 1910, Mr. Woods married Miss Norma Abigail Hoblit, a daughter of A. Lincoln and Josie (Stanley) Hoblit, the father a well known banker of Carlinville. Mr. and Mrs. Hoblit have two daughters, Norma A., now Mrs. Woods, who is the elder; and Jean Frances. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Woods were John Alexander and Nancy (Willmurth) Hoblit.

The Hoblits have been well known farmers and bankers of Logan county, Illinois, since they settled there in 1826. Her maternal grandparents were Norman Stanley and Martha Parks Austin Stanley, both originally from New England, but residents of Madison county, Illinois, since 1854. Mrs. Woods was born June 1, 1889, in Carlinville, her education first being pursued in the public schools and Blackburn University, after which she entered Smith College, at Northampton, Massachusetts, being graduated in June, 1910.

While a student at Yale, Mr. Woods belonged to the legal fraternity of Phi Delta Phi, and he is also affiliated with the honorary legal fraternity of Chi Tau Kappa. He was chosen a member of Corbey Court, an old Yale legal fraternity, and was one of the editors of the Yale Law Journal. In matters political he is an ardent supporter of the republican party and was a candidate for the nomination for state's attorney on that ticket in 1908. He is one of the progressive and enterprising young men of Carlinville, whose fine mental attainments, keen intellect and excellent educational qualifications, sustained by his inherent ability, make his future, as gauged by his past, appear most promising and brilliant.

ALFRED GREEN MILLER.

For the past sixteen years Alfred Green Miller has been identified with the business interests of Girard, of which village he is now mayor. He was born in Macoupin county on the 11th of September, 1871, being a son of John and Delia (King) Miller, the father being a native of Germany and the mother of North Carolina. His maternal grandfather, A. G. King, was also a native of North Carolina. John Miller came to Macoupin county in 1857, locating on a farm in the cultivation of which he engaged until 1878, when he came to Girard and went into the teaming and tiling business. In August, 1862, he responded to the call for troops and enlisted as a private in Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He remained at the front for three years, being honorably discharged in July, 1865, following which he returned to this county where he continued to reside. He passed away at his home in Girard in March, 1911.

Alfred Green Miller has always resided in Macoupin county, attending the public schools of Nilwood and Girard during his boyhood and youth. When he was eighteen he began to learn the painter's trade from William Schelb in whose employ he remained until 1895, when they formed a partnership. As Schelb & Miller they continued to be associated in business until 1910, when Mr. Miller withdrew from the business to become identified with the firm of Gardner, Leonard & Co., who control all of the moving picture houses and airdomes in Girard, Virden, West Frankfort, Christopher and Johnson City.

Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Martha McLean, a daughter of Robert and Rose (Wood) McLean, the father a native of Scotland and the mother of England, the union being solemnized on the 12th of December, 1899. To them has been born one daughter, Garnett Lucille.

The fraternal relations of Mr. Miller are confined to his membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, his local identification being with Girard Lodge, No. 192, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all of the chairs. He also belongs to Painters Union, No. 441, of which he was at one time president. His political support Mr. Miller gives to the democratic party and was their successful candidate at the last municipal election for the office of mayor. He is one of the enterprising citizens of the town, whose trustworthiness and reliability in business transactions has not only brought him a fair degree of prosperity but many friends, who hold him in high respect.

VICTOR HEMPHILL.

One of the promising young attorneys of Carlinville is Victor Hemphill, who for the past three years has been serving as assistant state's attorney. He was born in South Palmyra township, Macoupin county, on the homestead of his maternal grandfather, on the 21st of September, 1882. His parents are Robert S. and Mary J. (Ross) Hemphill, also natives of this county, where they continue to reside. The paternal grandfather, Hamilton Hemphill, was a native of Ireland, emigrating from there to the United States. He first located in Jessamine county, Kentucky, whence he came to Macoupin county, being one of the pioneer settlers. For many years he was engaged in farming southeast of Carlinville, where he passed away in middle life. His wife was Miss Martha Dickerson, prior to her marriage, a native of Kentucky, whose parents were among the early settlers of this county. The maternal grandparents were Erastus H. and Elizabeth (Pocklington) Ross, natives respectively of Morgan and Macoupin counties, Illinois. He was engaged in farming until 1873, when he became manager of the Cooperative store in Carlinville, with which he was identified until he passed away at the age of sixty-nine years. Mrs. Ross still survives. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Hemphill there were born two children, a son and daughter, the latter being Ruth, who married Ernest Ibbetson, who is associated with her father in the lumber business. Both parents belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and politically the father is a democrat and has been supervisor of his township for the past twelve years.

The first nine years in the life of Victor Hemphill were spent on the farm where he was born, at the end of which time his parents removed to Carlinville. Here he grew to manhood and acquired his preliminary education being graduated from the high school in 1898. He subsequently entered Blackburn University, from which institution he was awarded a diploma with the class of 1902. The following year he devoted to teaching, but having decided to become an attorney the following autumn he matriculated in the law department of Washington University, St. Louis, being granted the degree of LL. B. in 1905. He was admitted to the bar the same year and returning to Carlinville established an office engaging in general practice. In 1907 he was elected city attorney, which office he held for one term, having in the meantime been appointed assistant state's attorney.

Mr. Hemphill is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the faith of which denomination he was reared, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, being a member of Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M.; and Macoupin Chapter, No. 187, R. A. M. He belongs also to the Knights of Pythias and politically he is a democrat.

CHARLES P. BROWN.

Charles P. Brown, who for more than twenty years has been identified with the commercial activities of Atwater, was born in Montgomery county, Illinois, in March, 1867. His parents were Caswell and Agnes (Fullerton) Brown, the father a native of Tennessee and the mother of Scotland. During his early manhood Mr. Brown worked on the steamboats but later withdrew from this occupation and coming to Montgomery county, Illinois, bought some land, engaging in farming from that time until his death on the 18th of January, 1881. The mother passed away when our subject was in his second year.

The boyhood and youth of Charles P. Brown were spent on the farm where he was born, attending the district schools of the vicinity where he mastered the elementary branches, completing his education in the public schools of Girard. Having been trained from his earliest boyhood in agricultural pursuits, he naturally chose, when becoming self-supporting, the occupation for which he was best adapted and for three years worked as a farm hand. During this time he acquired sufficient capital to enable him to farm for himself, so he rented some land that he cultivated for two years. At the expiration of that period he decided that he preferred a commercial to an agricultural career and coming to Atwater he bought the interest of D. J. Magee in the mercantile business owned by him and Mr. Williamson. Mr. Brown was still very young, having just attained his majority, and at that time did not have very much money, the united capital of himself and partner amounting to only four hundred dollars. At the end of eighteen months he bought Mr. Williamson's interest, continuing the business alone until 1901, when he sold it to George P. Rogers. On the 23d of July, 1902, he became associated with R. J. Herrick and they bought out Mr. Rogers, and for a year and a half thereafter conducted the business together. At the expiration of that time Mr. Brown bought out his partner's interest and has ever since operated the store as exclusive owner. His efforts have been rewarded with a goodly measure of success and he not only has a large stock of goods but owns the building in which his store is located, a fine residence property in Atwater and one hundred and five acres of land in Shaws Point township adjacent to Atwater. He knew nothing of the business when he first became identified with it as a proprietor of the store, but has diligently and intelligently applied himself to acquiring a thorough, practical knowledge of every detail. His well chosen stock, accommodating manner and general method of conducting his business has won for him a large patronage, which he has been able to retain. Mr. Brown is interested in

various enterprises of the town, being a stockholder and director of the Bank of Atwater and he is also a stockholder of the Atwater Coal Co.

Mr. Brown was first married November 30, 1894, to Miss Josephine E. Vignos, who died in October of the following year. On the 27th of April, 1898, he was again married, his second union being with Miss Laura Sharp, a daughter of Benjamin and Malinda (Tite) Sharp, natives of Tennessee. The father came to Macoupin county in a very early day, and bought a farm that he improved and cultivated during the remainder of his life. Here he passed away in May, 1908, having survived his wife for twenty years, her death occurring in the month of December, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of two children: Irwin S., who is nine years of age; and Vivian M., who is seven.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown affiliate with the Christian church of Atwater, and he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is a democrat. He is one of the progressive citizens of the community and always gives his support and cooperation to the development of the various public utilities.

JOHN F. JOHNSEN.

An attractive farm of one hundred and five acres in Staunton township pays tribute to the agricultural skill and capable supervision of John F. Johnsen. A native of this state his birth occurred in Alton on the 27th of February, 1858, his parents being Frederick and Edje Johnsen. The father was born in Prussia, Germany, in 1818, and there he spent the first thirty years of his life. Deciding that better opportunities must be afforded in a virgin country unhampered by class distinctions, he determined in 1848 to seek a new home in the United States. He took passage at Bremen, landing in New York and immediately thereafter made his way inland to Illinois. Upon his arrival in this state he first located at Alton where he remained for six years and then returned to Germany, where he was married. Upon his return to this country with his bride he settled in Madison county, where he remained until 1865. In the latter year he removed to Macoupin county, locating on some land on section 23, Staunton township, and there he lived until his death in 1886. The mother, whose birth occurred in 1827, is still living and now makes her home with her daughter in Edwardsville, Illinois. She is a member of the Lutheran church, with which the father was also affiliated, while his political support was given to the democratic party. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnsen were born six children: Harriet Elizabeth, the widow of Henry Sleeter, of Edwardsville; Frances, the wife of George Herring, of St. Louis, Missouri; John F., our subject; and Benjamin, John and Anna, all of whom are deceased.

John F. Johnsen was educated in the parochial and common schools of Macoupin county, remaining at home on the farm with his parents until the death of his father. He has always devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits and now owns some of the finest land in the county. Progressive and intelligent in his methods he gives his fields the capable supervision that assures abundant harvests. The improvements upon his land are substantial and care-

fully kept up, everything about his place suggesting the thrift and diligent regard for details that characterize success. The attractive appearance of his homestead is much enhanced by the fact of his fields lying perfectly level, and his land is considered to be the best laying in the county.

On the 26th of February, 1882, Mr. Johnsen was united in marriage to Miss Katie Herring, who was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, on Christmas day, 1860. She is a daughter of Peter and Margaret (Engleter) Herring; the father was a skilled mechanic and the manager of a cloth factory in Germany. They emigrated to the United States in 1881, locating in Staunton township, where they both passed away. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Johnsen were twelve children: Louisa, the wife of Fred Harnkamp, residing near Staunton; George and John, both of whom are at home; William, who is deceased; Clara, the wife of George Lovejoy, of Staunton; Emma, who is at home; Andrew and Harmon, both deceased; and Ernest, Alvin, Henry and Amanda, all of whom are living at home.

All the children were confirmed in the Lutheran church, in which the parents hold membership, and Mr. Johnsen votes for the democratic party. At the present time he is serving in the capacity of road commissioner and he has been school trustee. His life has been one of well applied and intelligently directed energy, his efforts having met with a goodly degree of success.

ADOLPH H. KEISER.

Adolph H. Keiser, assistant cashier of the Bank of Mount Olive, is a most promising young business man. His abilities would seem to give every assurance of his being a worthy successor to the extensive interests of his father, Cobus J. Keiser, one of Macoupin county's prominent citizens, whose biography appears elsewhere in this history.

Mr. Keiser is a native of Mount Olive, his birth having here occurred on the 30th of November, 1881. In qualifying himself educationally for the responsibilities of life he first attended the public and Lutheran parochial schools. Recognizing the need of a more comprehensive knowledge of commercial methods he later went to St. Louis, pursuing a course in the Bryant & Stratton Business College, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1902. Immediately thereafter he returned to Mount Olive fully prepared theoretically for his business career, and entered his father's bank in the capacity in which he has ever since continuously served. He had previously been identified with this concern, having worked there prior to going to St. Louis. In addition to his duties in the bank, Mr. Keiser is treasurer of the Mount Olive Brick & Tile Company, and is also a member of the board of directors of both that enterprise and the Mount Olive Ice, Cold Storage & Fuel Company. For the past six years he has been empowered to act as notary public, having received his original commission from Governor Yates in 1905, later renewed by Governor Deneen.

In politics Mr. Keiser is a republican and takes a prominent part in municipal affairs of a governmental nature. He has twice been nominated by his party

for the office of town clerk having been defeated on both occasions, the first time by five votes and the second by nine. He is a member of the German Evangelical Lutheran church and of the Mount Olive Chess Club, while he is both a member and treasurer of the Liederkrantz, a German social organization. Of pleasing manner and genial personality, Mr. Keiser is very popular both socially and in a business way in Mount Olive, where he has many stanch friends.

EDWIN W. CRUM, M. D.

The well established family physician obtains an influence in any community which is more far-reaching than that of any man sustaining other relations to the public, and if his life is actuated by honorable principles and lofty ideals, he becomes a notable force for good in support of those measures and movements which are calculated to benefit the community at large. Such a physician is Dr. Edwin W. Crum, one of Illinois' native sons, his birth having occurred on a farm in North Palmyra township, March 21, 1876. He is a son of Andrew Jackson and Phoebe E. (Almond) Crum, and has back of him an ancestry long and honorable. He is of German descent on the paternal side, his great-great-grandfather, Mathias Crum, having come to this country in colonial days from the Rhine province. He made three trips to America before locating here and on taking up his residence chose Montgomery county, Virginia, as his home. By occupation he was a stone mason.

John Crum, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Germany and was six years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to the new world, his boyhood and youth being mainly passed in Frederick county, Virginia, and Louisville, Kentucky. In 1800 he removed to Clark county, Indiana, settling on the bluff overlooking the Ohio river near Bull Creek. One Christmas while crossing this creek his canoe was upset and he was drowned. He was a great surveyor and for a time was employed as government surveyor, surveying a tract of land in Indiana, known as the "grant." During the Revolutionary war he aided the colonists in their struggle for independence, serving under Francis Marion, the "Swamp Fox." One of his descendants, Francis Marion Crum, a lawyer of Palmyra, is named for that intrepid leader. John Crum was twice married, his first wife bearing the maiden name of Allhands, while his second wife was Elizabeth King.

Joseph Crum, the grandfather of the doctor, was nicknamed "Hoozier" Joe, on account of his having come from Indiana and also to distinguish him from "Redhead" Joe Crum, a distant cousin of our subject. The grandfather was born in Clark county, Indiana, August 13, 1811, and died in Palmyra Illinois, June 24, 1886, his remains being interred there. For his first wife he married a Miss Kirkpatrick, and after her death wedded Miss Maria L. Burnett, who was born in Spencer county, Kentucky, on the 11th of November, 1822, a daughter of William Burnett, who fought under General Andrew Jackson in the war of 1812, participating in the battle of New Orleans. It was on the 14th of April, 1844, that she gave her hand in marriage to Joseph Crum. Her death



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occurred on the 23d of September, 1872. She was a granddaughter of Joshua Richardson, (the doctor's great-great-grandfather) who was born December 19, 1762, and who on the 18th of April, 1798, was married to Mary Burnett. He died March 14, 1844. Of the eight children of Joshua Richardson, one daughter was Elizabeth, who was born February 12, 1801, and was married, February 23, 1819, to William Burnett. She died in March, 1876, and was buried in the old cemetery at Palmyra, Illinois, where a monument still marks her last resting-place. She was the mother of eight children, including Maria L. Burnett, the grandmother of our subject. Joshua Richardson, like the father of our country, was a surveyor and surveyed a large tract of land in Virginia. In return for this service he received from the government a grant of land upon which is now located a part of the city of Richmond, Virginia. He enlisted about April, 1781, in the colonial army, and was in the service for three months and fifteen days. He was a private in the company commanded by Captain David Baird and assisted in guarding prisoners captured at the battle of Cowpens. For a time he was also under the command of Captain Clemmens, Captain Pate, Colonel Charles Finch and Major Ward, in the Virginia State troops, and took part in the engagement at Guilford Court House and the battle called '96. At the time of his enlistment he was living in Bedford county, Virginia, and the day of application for a pension was August 9, 1832, when living in Shelby county, Kentucky. He was first married in Pittsylvania county, Virginia, January 15, 1789, to Mary Snow. After her death he was married again, April 18, 1798, his second wife being Mary Burnett, who was born May 7, 1774. His death occurred March 14, 1844, and she was allowed a pension on application at her residence in Macoupin county, Illinois, at the age of eighty years, December 31, 1853.

Andrew Jackson Crum, the father of Dr. Crum, was the second in order of birth in a family of ten children, his birth occurring on the 13th of February, 1846. He is a farmer by occupation, having followed that line of activity throughout his business career, now making his home upon a tract in North Palmyra township, consisting of one hundred and seventy acres of land, in the operation of which he is assisted by his two youngest sons. He is a democrat in politics, is a member of the Christian church while his wife affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal church, and his fraternal relations are with the Modern Woodmen of America at Modesto, Illinois. He was married on the 9th of September, 1873, to Miss Phoebe E. Almond, who was born at Wilmington, Delaware, on the 5th of May, 1851, a daughter of Dr. R. J. Almond, now deceased, who during his active career engaged in his profession in Palmyra, where he was accorded a large patronage. He was a stanch democrat in politics and an active and influential worker in the Methodist church. His second wife still survives and makes her home at Palmyra. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Crum were ten children, as follows: Nellie May, who married Henry White, a farmer residing near Franklin, Illinois; E. W., of this review; Rubie and Lee, both now deceased; Le Roy, who is married and now engages in farming near Waverly, Illinois; Golda Tie, the wife of Mark Snyder, a farmer residing near Winnipeg, Canada, who is also interested in the street car line of that city; Ola, who wedded Walter Reed, a farmer living near Waverly,

Illinois; Carl C., a telegraph operator in Okarche, Oklahoma; and Glen and Ferris, both residing with their parents, assisting their father in the operation of the home farm.

Dr. Edward W. Crum, whose name introduces this sketch, spent the first seventeen years of his life on the farm upon which he was born, and in the meantime attended the common and high schools of Palmyra in the acquirement of his preliminary education. Later he took a course of study at the Central Normal College of Danville, Indiana, which institution conferred upon him his B. S. degree, after which he began his professional training at the Barnes Medical College of St. Louis, Missouri. Upon his graduation therefrom, on April 12, 1900, he received his M. D. degree, and at once opened an office in Morgan county, Illinois, where he remained one year. He was then located in Scott county about six years, after which he came to Palmyra, where he has since practiced his profession. His training, which was comprehensive and thorough, well qualified him for a professional life, while his subsequent study, investigation and research, have greatly supplemented his knowledge, making him well equipped for the duties and responsibilities that devolve upon him in the practice of his profession.

Dr. Crum was married, on the 22d of May, 1901, to Miss Ethel R. Jones, a daughter of Charles W. and Lillian (Gordon) Jones, the father of Scotch-Irish descent and the latter of Irish origin. Both were born in America, however, and here the father engaged in farming for many years. The former was a son of Rev. John T. and Emily (Woodward) Jones. In the Woodward line the ancestry is traced back to a period antedating the Norman conquest of England more than one hundred years. The name Woodward is of Anglo-Norman origin and dates back to 912 A. D. About this time one Nathan Woodward served in the Warwick Yeoman Horse, with troops, being captain and also standard bearer, and he was the founder of the "Standish Hall" branch of the family, which was founded in the old province of Massachusetts in 1642. The name of the Woodward family up to 1066, the time of the Norman conquest, was Du-Bois-Garde. A valiant knight of the name of Richard Du-Bois-Garde fought in the battle of Hastings and was one of six hundred and forty-eight knights whose names (for bravery) were preserved on tapestry by William the Conqueror in Battle Abbey to commemorate the battle of Hastings. In the year 1520 Ambrose Woodward settled near the ancient borough of Birmingham and two of his descendants, Samuel Ezekiel and Nathaniel Woodward, came to America in 1640, settling at Roxbury, Massachusetts. Ezekiel Woodward, of Boston, a son of Samuel Ezekiel, had nine children, of whom Ezekiel, the second, born August 9, 1666, a resident of Ipswich, Massachusetts, was the direct ancestor of Mrs. Crum. Ezekiel, the third, had a family of nine children, of whom Ezekiel, the fourth, was born October 4, 1731. He was the father of Moses Woodward, who had a family of five children, including William Wallace Woodward, who was married in Philadelphia, in 1791, to Susan Janvier, who was descended from Huguenot ancestry.

To William Wallace Woodward and his wife were born fourteen children, including Emily Woodward, who was born March 15, 1805, and became the grandmother of Mrs. Crum. She married the Rev. John T. Jones and died



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May 9, 1852. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Charles Woodward Jones, born June 27, 1829, became the father of Mrs. Crum. He married Lillian Gordon, who was born October 17, 1833, and they became the parents of eight children, of whom Ethel R., born November 24, 1879, is the youngest. Her father passed away on the 15th of February, 1911, at the age of eighty-two years, while his wife still survives, making her home in Lynnville, Morgan county, Illinois. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Crum have been born four children, Edwin, Helen, Margaret and Martha Virginia. The youngest daughter was named in honor of Martha Washington, being born on George Washington's birthday.

Dr. Crum is an earnest and faithful member of the Christian church, and is well known in fraternal circles in this community, belonging to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of Pythias and the Royal Neighbors, all at Palmyra. Although one of the comparatively recent arrivals in this locality, Dr. Crum has nevertheless firmly established himself in the confidence and affection of his fellow citizens by reason of his trustworthy character, his earnestness, zeal and scrupulous regard for the ethics of his profession. He is skillful in diagnosis, sure in prescription, thoughtful and tactful in attendance and prompt and efficacious in emergency, and is winning for himself a high place in medical circles in Macoupin county.

JOHN S. WALTON.

John S. Walton, who is numbered among the successful agriculturists and stockmen of Shaws Point township has been entirely dependent upon his own efforts since a lad of fourteen years. He was born in Honey Point township, Macoupin county, on the 3d of May, 1874, and is a son of William R. S. and Rose Ann (Thompson) Walton, also natives of Macoupin county. Reared and educated in this county when qualified to begin his independent agricultural career, William R. S. Walton, in common with the other members of his family, was presented with forty acres of land by his father. This the young man industriously applied himself to cultivating and improving, and by means of thrift and capable management was able to extend his holdings until he owned two hundred acres in Honey Point township and one hundred and forty in Shaws Point township, where our subject is now living. The larger tract he continued to cultivate until his death in December, 1887.

Left an orphan upon the death of his father at the age of fourteen years, John S. Walton was compelled to depend upon his own exertions from that time on for his living and education. He went to an uncle, George C. Walton, in whose home he remained for four years, there working for his board and clothing. Owing to the demands made upon his time he found it most difficult to attend school and did not succeed in acquiring a very satisfactory education. When he was eighteen years old he began to work out as a farm hand by the month, following this occupation until he reached the age of twenty-three. When the other members of the family attained their majority his father's property was

divided and he received as his portion thirty-four acres. This portion was too small to engage his entire energies, so renting it, he leased a farm in Honey Point township. When he had operated the land for a year his step-mother died and the remainder of the property was sold. Mr. Walton and his brother then purchased and immediately located upon the land where she had been residing. Cultivating it for one season, Mr. Walton disposed of his portion to his brother and bought some land adjoining his thirty-four acres in Shaws Point township. He immediately set about clearing and improving the property, continuing to extend his possessions until he now owns one hundred and forty acres. All is under cultivation and well improved, and here, in connection with the tilling of his fields, Mr. Walton annually raises from sixty to one hundred head of hogs, and he keeps eighty sheep, ten horses and fifteen head of cattle. His unremitting energy, capable supervision and judicious expenditures have enabled him to acquire an excellent start and he is becoming recognized as one of the prosperous agriculturists of the community.

In June, 1906, Mr. Walton married Mrs. George Hutton, a widow and a daughter of Lemuel and Barbara Blevins, who were natives of Macoupin county. Here her father engaged in farming for many years, but spent his last days in Missouri, where his death occurred. By her first husband Mrs. Walton has one child, George Robert, now eight years of age.

In religious faith both Mr. and Mrs. Walton are Methodists, and his political allegiance he accords to the republican party, but does not actively participate in township affairs. Although he takes a general interest in the welfare and progress of the community in which he resides, the development of his personal affairs has always engaged the undivided attention of Mr. Walton to practically the exclusion of everything else, and the results have been well worthy his effort.

ROBERT S. HEMPHILL.

Robert S. Hemphill, senior partner of the firm of Hemphill & Ibbetson, lumber dealers, was born in the vicinity of Hornsby, Macoupin county, Illinois, on the 1st of June, 1853. His parents were Hamilton and Martha (Dickerson) Hemphill, the father of Ireland and the mother of Kentucky. Hamilton Hemphill was born and reared in County Tyrone, Ireland, a son of the Rev. Charles Hemphill, a Presbyterian minister, who spent his entire life in the Emerald isle, having preached in one church for forty years. Rev. Charles Hemphill had three sons, Andrew, Charles and Hamilton. The youngest of the three, Hamilton, was educated for the ministry in his native country. In his early manhood he emigrated to the United States, first locating in Kentucky, whence he came to Macoupin county. When he first arrived here he taught a country school and assisted in felling the trees and erecting the first schoolhouse located on the present site of Oakland, Honey Point township. Afterwards he engaged in farming in the same township, but the latter years of his life were passed in Carlinville, where he died in 1860, at the age of sixty-five years. He had survived his wife by two years, her demise occurring when she was about sixty years of age. In

matters of religion Mr. Hemphill was a Presbyterian, while his wife professed to the Methodist denomination. He always took an active and helpful interest in all educational matters and served his community for some time as school director. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill all but three are now deceased. Those surviving are: Robert S., our subject; John, who is a resident of Pendleton, Oregon; and Margaret, the wife of T. W. Lofton, of Kansas City, Mo. The deceased members of the family are: William C., Charles J., Daniel, Thomas P., Joshua and Mary, the late wife of Samuel Potts. Three of the sons, William C., Thomas P. and Daniel, were soldiers in the Civil war. Mrs. Hemphill was a daughter of William Dickerson, a farmer and a native of Kentucky, as was also his wife. They were among the pioneer settlers of Macoupin county, where for many years the father devoted his energies to the cultivation of a farm he owned in Carlinville township. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk war, and passed away at the venerable age of seventy-seven, but the mother was a few years younger at the time of her demise, being of the age of sixty-six years.

The greater portion of the first twenty years of the life of Robert S. Hemphill was spent on the farm of his uncle, Thomas Dickerson, by whom he was reared. His early education was obtained in the district schools of the vicinity, after which he attended Blackburn University, at Carlinville, Illinois. After the completion of his education he taught school for one term and clerked in a store for four years. After that time he removed to his father-in-law's farm, and for fourteen years thereafter devoted his attention to its operation. He was subsequently appointed deputy clerk of the circuit court, in which capacity he served for four years; then he engaged in the lumber business.

On the 2d of October, 1877, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hemphill and Miss Mary Ross; she was a native of South Palmyra township where she grew to womanhood, after which she removed to Carlinville with her parents. Mrs. Hemphill is a daughter of E. H. and Elizabeth (Pocklington) Ross, the father a native of Morgan and the mother of Macoupin county, Illinois. The paternal grandfather, Thomas Ross, came with his wife and family to Macoupin county in the very early days. Here he engaged in agricultural pursuits until he was elected sheriff of Macoupin county, when he moved to Carlinville. Mr. and Mrs. Ross were the parents of a very large family, among whose members were Erastus, Joseph, William, Woodford, John, Sarah, Mary, Charlotte and Jane. Mrs. Hemphill's maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Pocklington, emigrated from England to the United States, locating about the year 1832 in Macoupin county, where they passed away at an advanced age. They were the parents of but two children, John Wesley and Elizabeth, who became Mrs. Ross. To Mr. and Mrs. Ross were born five children: Mary, now Mrs. Hemphill; Martha; Amelia; Thomas, and Leonard. The father passed away in 1901 at the age of sixty-nine, but the mother still survives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill are the parents of two children, a son and a daughter, Ruth Ross, who became the wife of Ernest Ibbetson, of Carlinville; and Victor Herman, who is engaged in the practice of law in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill both hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and he belongs also to the Knights of Pythias. Politically he is a staunch democrat, and for the past twelve years has served as supervisor of Carlinville

township, while at one time he was town clerk. Mr. Hemphill is one of the successful and prosperous business men of Carlinville and in addition to his mercantile interests owns and manages some good farming land near this city.

M. McMAHON, M. D.

Dr. M. McMahon, discharging his professional duties with a sense of conscientious obligation because of his thorough understanding of the responsibility that devolves upon the physician and surgeon, has won for himself a foremost place in the ranks of the medical fraternity in this part of the county. He has practiced successfully in Palmyra for several years and the public has attested its faith in his skill and ability by giving to him a liberal patronage.

A native of Illinois, he was born near Whitehall, Greene county, on the 17th of October, 1858, a son of John and Margaret (Coffey) McMahon, both natives of Newport, County Tipperary, Ireland. The father came to America in 1849, landing at New Orleans, and he walked from that city to St. Louis, Missouri, where he engaged at railroading for a time. He remained in that city from 1849 until 1857, and in the latter year came to Illinois, locating near Whitehall, Greene county. Here he became identified with the contracting business, in which he continued until his failure, owing to the failure of the Rock Island Railroad in 1858, after which he engaged in farming. In 1873 he came to Macoupin county and operated a farm near Scottville for a time, also engaging in the stock-raising business. He moved to South Palmyra in March, 1875, locating three and one-half miles south of town, and he passed away in South Palmyra on the 18th of February, 1888, at the age of sixty-six years. He was married in August, 1857, in St. Louis, Missouri, and after his death his widow continued to make her home within the borders of this county until her demise on the 6th of October, 1909. He was a communicant of the Catholic church and in politics was a staunch democrat.

Dr. M. McMahon acquired his preliminary education in the common schools of Illinois and upon attaining his majority purchased a farm in South Palmyra township, upon which he carried on agricultural pursuits until 1883. Thinking to find a professional life more remunerative and congenial, in that year he took up the study of medicine, entering the old Missouri Medical College, now known as the Washington University at St. Louis, Missouri. He was graduated from that institution with honors on the 5th of March, 1885, winning his M. D. degree, and at once opened an office for practice at Palmyra with Dr. S. D. Carslile and later with Dr. R. J. Allmond. Palmyra has since remained the field of his activities with the exception of a year and a half spent in Kansas, four years in Irving, Illinois, and three years in Niantic, Illinois. From the first he has been successful, his patronage increasing in volume and importance as he has demonstrated his ability as a physician and surgeon, and he is now an extremely busy and prosperous practitioner, demands being made constantly for his services. He also retains the ownership of his farm, consisting of one hundred and seventy-six

acres of land, employing an overseer to take charge of the actual work of the place while he resides in Palmyra.

On the 17th of July, 1881, Dr. McMahon was united in marriage to Miss Rosa J. Solomon, a daughter of George O. and Sarah (King) Solomon, the former a native of Morgan county and the latter of Macoupin county, Illinois. Both are now deceased, the mother passing away when her daughter was but two years of age, while the father, who was a farmer by occupation, died on May 21, 1882, age fifty-one years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McMahon were born two children: Curtman, a physician of Lovington, Moultrie county, Illinois, who is married and has one child, Rosa Hope McMahon; and Olivette, who is married to A. C. Compton, of East St. Louis, Illinois.

The religious views of Dr. McMahon are indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Palmyra, while fraternally he belongs to Palmyra Lodge, No. 463, A. F. & A. M., of Palmyra; Palmyra Lodge, No. 348, I. O. O. F.; and the Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 149, of which he is a charter member and also clerk, while of the Masonic lodge he is serving as secretary. In politics he is a republican, serving as collector of taxes of South Palmyra township in 1881. Not only is he numbered among the public-spirited and valued citizens of Macoupin county, but he also occupies a prominent place in medical circles, for he has ever kept abreast of the progress which is continually being carried on in the line of his profession, and by broad study and research is constantly adding to his knowledge and efficiency. He is a member of the Macoupin County Medical Society, the Illinois Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

JOHN A. TURNER.

John A. Turner, who owns one of the attractive and model farms of Scottville township, Macoupin county, was born in Athensville township, Greene county, Illinois, on the 16th of May, 1859. His parents were Tillman C. and Jane (Rhodes) Turner, the father a native of Cumberland county, Kentucky, and the mother of Greene county, Illinois, her birth having occurred in the vicinity of Carrollton. Agricultural pursuits always engaged the attention of Mr. Turner, who in 1849 came from his native state to Illinois. He first located on a farm near Whitehall, Greene county, and after residing there for several years he removed to Athensville township. There he met the lady, who subsequently became his wife and the mother of four children, of whom the son John A. was the third. Mr. Turner continued to cultivate his farm to within three years of his death, which occurred on the 12th of May, 1907, in Scottville, Macoupin county. The mother of our subject died in 1864 and the following year the father married Martha M. Van Bebber, by whom he had five children, four of whom are still living.

His boyhood and youth John A. Turner spent upon the farm where he was born, pursuing his education in the common schools until he was graduated from the high school at Greenfield in 1878. For two years thereafter he engaged in teaching, but feeling that he did not care to make of this profession a life voca-

tion, he returned to the old homestead, and for three years devoted his attention to farming. At the expiration of that period he came to Scottville and engaged in the furniture business and undertaking, continuing to be identified with this for sixteen years. In 1902 he withdrew from commercial activities and located upon the farm where he is now residing. He has eighty acres of fertile and highly cultivated land, upon which he has wrought extensive improvements, having erected a fine, modern residence, arranged the grounds attractively and made many minor changes, so that it is now one of the valuable properties of the vicinity.

Mr. Turner was married December 29, 1880, to Miss Virginia A. Wood, a daughter of Martin and Emily J. (Spencer) Wood. Her father was a native of Greene county, Illinois, and there he was reared and married to Miss Spencer, a native of Kentucky. He made farming his life occupation and continued to reside in Greene county until his death in 1864. His widow now makes her home with Mrs. Turner. Of the four children born to our subject and his wife two are now deceased. Of those living Martin W. is married and resides upon his father-in-law's farm. The daughter, Ora Lee, the youngest member of the family, is unmarried and living at home. They are both graduates of the Scottville high school.

Fraternally Mr. Turner is affiliated with the Masonic order, being a member of Scottville Lodge, No. 426, A. F. & A. M.; Scottville Camp, No. 506, of the Modern Woodmen of America; and the Court of Honor; while both he and Mrs. Turner belong to the Order of the Eastern Star of Scottville. His political support Mr. Turner gives to the democratic party, and he has served as justice of the peace, school director and president of the town council of Scottville, while for sixteen years he has been a township supervisor and he was township treasurer for a period of twelve years. He has always been a public-spirited man, taking an active interest in all matters of vital importance in the community where he resided, most efficiently discharging the responsibilities of the various offices he has held.

JOHN LOWIS.

One of the leading agriculturists and stockmen of Shipman township is John Lewis, who has also been a prominent factor in the educational development of the township as well as in the promotion of its public utilities. He was born in the vicinity of Mineral Point, Wisconsin, on the 28th of October, 1852, and is a son of John and Anne (Jackson) Lewis. The parents were both natives of Westmoreland county, England, the father's birth having there occurred on the 12th of March, 1822, and that of the mother in March, 1826. The Lewis family originally came from Scotland, the great-great-great-grandfather of our subject having moved from there to England, which was thereafter the home of this branch of the family. Left an orphan at the age of four years, John Lewis, Sr., was brought up by his brother Richard in Westmoreland county, England. There he was also educated and married to Miss Jackson, who belonged to an old West-

moreland family. She was the only one of her people to come to the United States, but some of her brothers emigrated to Australia. When he was about twenty-eight years of age John Lewis, accompanied by his wife, came to America, landing at New York. From there they went directly to Black Hawk, in southwest Wisconsin, where he worked in the lead mines and also engaged in farming. In 1857 they removed to McLeod county, Minnesota, locating near Glencoe, where he entered some government land. During the Civil war he volunteered as a soldier in the campaign against the Sioux Indians in Dakota, and was stationed for a time at Fort Abercrombie. In 1866 Mr. Lewis brought his family to Macoupin county, settling in Shipman township in the vicinity of Piasa. Soon thereafter he disposed of his land in Minnesota, purchasing property in Jersey, Christian and Macoupin counties, being the owner at one time of fifteen hundred acres. He was a man of rare judgment and keen sagacity, whose discernment enabled him to so direct his energies as to realize the best possible results. He helped to organize the bank of Medora in 1877, continuing to be identified with this institution until his death which occurred at his home in Shipman township in 1896. One of Macoupin county's prominent citizens of the pioneer period, he did much to advance the various public utilities of his township and promote the general welfare of the community. Both he and his wife affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church of Piasa and he voted the republican ticket. To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were born ten children: George, who is a farmer in the vicinity of Dexter, Iowa; John, our subject; Isabella, who is unmarried and living in the vicinity of Piasa, Illinois; Alice A., the widow of Joseph Offliter, of Morrisonville, Illinois; Mary Jackson, the deceased wife of William Kitchel, of Morrisonville and the mother of ten children; William, who is also a resident of Morrisonville; Christopher, who died at the age of five years; Ruth Elizabeth, the wife of G. R. Waggoner, of Piasa; Joseph Dickinson, who is living at Morrisonville; and Charles E., who is residing in the vicinity of Piasa.

Reared on the farm of his father, John Lewis acquired his education in the district schools in the vicinity of his home. After the mastery of the common branches he discarded his school books, and gave his undivided attention to the acquirement of an agricultural training under the direction of his father, who subsequently took him into partnership in the cultivation of the home farm. At the age of twenty-nine he left the parental roof, and marrying, established a home of his own. He took his wife to his present homestead, which at that time contained but one hundred and sixty acres of land, located on section 6, Shipman township. He had purchased this property about two years previously and had it improved and under cultivation. During the long period of his residence here Mr. Lewis has effected many changes in his property, having erected a new residence and outbuildings, all of which are substantially constructed and modern. His holdings have been increased at divers times until he now owns five hundred acres of land, all under cultivation and in excellent condition. He has been very successful in his undertakings, having applied himself persistently and intelligently to the cultivation of his fields and his stock-raising. He makes a specialty of the feeding and raising of cattle and hogs for the market, breeding a good grade of Poland China hogs, Shorthorn cattle and Shropshire sheep, and he also keeps some fine Percheron draft horses.

In March, 1882, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Lowis and Miss Augusta Wilton, a daughter of George and Harriet (Palmer) Wilton. Both parents were natives of Westmoreland county, England, the father having been born in 1826 and the mother in 1828. The paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilton, emigrated to the United States in the '50s, settling in Lake county, Illinois, in the vicinity of Antioch, where he engaged in farming until his death, which occurred at the age of eighty-four years. To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilton were born five sons and one daughter: Duke, who was killed at the battle of Sebastopol during the Crimean war; George, the father of Mrs. Lowis; Thomas, a farmer of Lake county, Illinois, now deceased; Edwin, who is engaged in farming in Lake county; Richard, who was a member of the Union army and killed in battle; and Mary Jane, now deceased, who married Abraham Pitman of Westmoreland, and after his death came to America, locating in Lake county. George Wilton, the father of Mrs. Lowis, enlisted in the English army and served during the Crimean war, being at Sebastopol when his brother Duke fell. After the close of the war he returned to England and engaged in farming until 1871, when he emigrated to the United States with his family. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on sections 5 and 6, Shipman township, Macoupin county, where he continued to make his home until he died. He was a member of a company that put in one of the first coal shafts sunk in this section of the state, located at Medora. Mrs. Lowis' maternal grandfather, Richard Palmer, spent his entire life in Westmoreland county, England, living to attain a ripe old age. To Mr. and Mrs. George Wilton were born ten children, six sons and four daughters: Flora Deborah, the deceased wife of William Robinson, a retired farmer of Carlinville; William, who is a farmer of Lake county, Illinois; Edwin, who is a resident of Chesterfield, Illinois; John Ashell, a farmer residing near Medora; Charles, who is living in Chesterfield; Lilly, the wife of Edwin Clower of Kansas; Augusta, now Mrs. Lowis; Sidney George, who is living on the old homestead near Medora; Sabina, the wife of James Brown, a farmer of Macoupin county; and Richard, who is living in Jersey county, where he engages in farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowis are the parents of five children: Bertha A., the wife of Lawson Rhoads, a farmer of Shipman township, who has two children, Paul and Marie; Bina I., the wife of George M. Hayes, a Methodist minister of the Central Illinois Conference, now located at Reddick, Illinois; Edith W., who became the wife of Irl Rhoads, a farmer of Jersey county, in the vicinity of Medora; and John Russell and Mary A., both of whom are unmarried and living at home.

The family affiliate with the Methodist Episcopal church of Medora, of which Mr. Lowis is one of the charter members. They take an earnest and active interest in the work of its various organizations, and for twenty-four years he was superintendent of the Sunday school. His political support he gives to the republican party, but has never served his township in any official capacity save as school director in Medora, with which position he will have been identified for twenty-five years at the expiration of his present term. He has always taken a very deep interest in all educational matters and has been instrumental in lifting up the standard of the schools of Medora as well as in the erection of their fine new school building. His interests in the township are extensive and varied. He

is vice president and one of the directors of the Bank of Medora and was a member of a company organized to prospect for coal in this vicinity, but their efforts were unfruitful. He is one of the substantial and influential citizens of the community whose efforts are ever exercised for the development and advancement of all that is best and highest either morally or intellectually, ever maintaining a standard of life all should strive to attain.

JAMES H. HAMNER.

A highly successful farmer and stockman of Macoupin county is James H. Hamner, whose homestead contains three hundred and seventy-two acres of highly improved land. His birth occurred in Morgan county, three miles from Waverly, on the 31st of May, 1843, his parents being John and Mary (Rohrer) Hamner, the father a native of Illinois and the mother of Kentucky. There were born three children: Elizabeth, wife of Sterling Berry, of Palmyra; James H., our subject; and Sarah J., the late wife of D. W. Solomon, deceased, of Kansas. The father, who always engaged in agricultural pursuits, had acquired quite a valuable farm at the time of his demise, which occurred during the childhood of our subject. For her second husband the mother married Spencer Norven, of Macoupin county.

James H. Hamner was reared in the home of his step-father, and while obtaining his education in the district schools assisted in the duties about the farm, thus becoming familiar with the best practical methods of farm work. At the age of twenty-one years he was married and began working for himself. He purchased an eighty acre tract of land and upon this erected a log cabin, where he and his wife began their domestic life. He only owned one horse at this time and not being able to spare the money to buy another was compelled to borrow one from a neighbor in order to make a team to break his land and place it under cultivation. Being young, ambitious and energetic he had unlimited faith in his ability to win success. He applied himself diligently and unceasingly to the operation of his land, which repaid his labor in lavish manner. The log cabin was superseded by a comfortable country house, while the boundaries of his homestead were extended from time to time until they now embrace three hundred and seventy-two acres. In addition to his own holdings Mr. Hamner has presented furthermore each of his sons with an eighty acre tract of land. In connection with the cultivation of his fields he has devoted much attention to the breeding and raising of high-grade stock, from which he has always realized a substantial income.

On the 10th of March, 1864, Mr. Hamner married Miss Nancy E. Nevins, a daughter of Austin S. and Margaret (Steele) Nevins, both natives of Tennessee. She is one of a family of seven children, the others being: Elias and Sarah, both deceased; William, a resident of Minnesota; Albert and Mary, also deceased; and Jane, the wife of J. H. Norvell, of Wagner. Mrs. Nevins died while still quite young and Mr. Nevins married for the second time Mrs. Thomas, the widow of James Thomas, and to them were born four children:

Martin L., now deceased; George, a resident of Girard; Silas, living in Nilwood, Illinois; and Clarinda, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamner are the parents of seven children: Mary, born March 6, 1865, is the wife of Newton Walkington, of Macoupin county, and they have five children, Herschel E., Nora E., Minnie O., Nellie O. and Paul E. Amanda, born October 5, 1866, is the wife of W. T. Turner, of this county, and has seven children, Cyrus E., Stella, Cephas, Meryl, Jasper, Grace and Carl. Emma, born November 3, 1868, is the wife of I. P. Drennan, of Kansas, and they have three children, Fred, Maud and Earl. John, born March 24, 1871, is a resident of this county. He married Nellie Walkington and has two children, Iva and Harry. Albert, born July 27, 1874, died on the 26th of September, 1876. Effie, born October 2, 1877, is the wife of Nathan Walkington, of Macoupin county, and they have one child, Edith. James H., Jr., born November 24, 1881, is also a resident of this county. He married Rae Jenkins and they have two children, Fern and Alma. Mr. and Mrs. Hamner also have three great-grandchildren, Lerne Andrews, Nellie Turner and a baby in the Turner family as yet unnamed.

Members of the Christian church, Mr. and Mrs. Hamner brought up their family in the faith of that denomination. He is also a member of the Anti-Horse Thief Association, while his political support is given the democratic party. Township affairs have always enlisted the interest of Mr. Hamner, who has held various minor offices. He is one of the prosperous agriculturists of Macoupin county, whose success is the justly merited reward of intelligently and capably directed effort.

JAMES P. ROODHOUSE.

James P. Roodhouse, for thirteen years past cashier of the Bank of Medora, has given indisputable proof of acquaintance with financial matters and has reflected credit upon a position for which he is eminently adapted by birth and education. He was born at Carrollton, Illinois, March 4, 1869, a son of Benjamin and Abigail Eliza (Wales) Roodhouse, the former of whom was born in Yorkshire, England, February 8, 1825, and the latter at Vergennes, Vermont, October 4, 1829. The Roodhouse family is one of the old families of Yorkshire. The grandparents of our subject on the paternal side were Benjamin and Jane (Moses) Roodhouse. The grandmother was twice married, her first husband being William Wood, and after his death she married Benjamin Roodhouse, who died about one year after their emigration to the United States. The family settled upon government land at Whitehall, Illinois, and Mrs. Roodhouse there spent the remainder of her life. She was the mother of five children, all of whom are deceased, their names being: Jane; John, of Roodhouse, Illinois, a town which was named in honor of an uncle of our subject; Benjamin; Peter, a resident of Whitehall; and James, of Fort Scott, Kansas.

Benjamin Roodhouse, the father of our subject, was reared to the pursuit of farming and received his education in a log school house. In 1866 he located

at Carrollton where he engaged in farming, also dealing in live stock. He became interested in the Carrollton Bank and was its president from 1877 to 1883. On the 22d of February, 1849, he was married to Abigail Eliza Wales and by this union the following children were born: Ella May, John Moses, Eliza Jane, Charles Benjamin; Mary Elizabeth, Ada, James Peter and Edward Isaac. Mrs.

Abigail E. Roodhouse was a daughter of Charles Wales and a representative of the eighth generation from Elder William Brewster, who was one of the leaders in the Plymouth colony and came to America in the Mayflower. His descendants have been identified with the progress of the country for nearly three centuries. Charles Wales was married at Weybridge, Vermont, January 12, 1817, to Elethea Britell. He removed with his family to Ferrisburg, Vermont, in 1820, and came to Illinois in 1845, settling near Medora, in Shipman township, Macoupin county. He participated in the Plattsburg campaign in the war of 1812 and was a man of energy and determination of character, gaining recognition as a substantial farmer of this county. He died December 16, 1871. Of his family of six children five are deceased, namely: William Brewster, of Medora; George Roger; Charles Edward, who was president of the Bank of Medora for twenty years; Abigail Eliza; and Elizabeth, who married Marcus North, of Whitehall. Harriet, the surviving member of the family, is the wife of William W. Hays, of Bunker Hill. Benjamin Roodhouse died in 1893 and his wife was called away in 1898. They were prominent members of the community with which they were identified for many years. Mr. Roodhouse took a great interest in the development of the agricultural resources of the state and served for four terms as president of the Greene County Agricultural Association.

Mr. Roodhouse of this sketch was educated in the public and high schools of Carrollton and later attended the Normal School at Valparaiso, Indiana. He taught school for two years in Greene county and then entered the University of Illinois where he pursued the scientific course. After leaving the university he became connected with the People's Bank at Whitehall, Illinois, and two years later accepted a position as bookkeeper in the Bank of Medora. He soon demonstrated his ability and was made assistant cashier, being advanced to the position of cashier in 1898, an office which he has ever since held. He has given his attention exclusively to banking and has gained an enviable reputation as a man of sound judgment and clear discrimination. He keeps in close touch with the financial movements of the country and is an active member of the American and Illinois State Bankers' Associations.

On October 12, 1895, Mr. Roodhouse was married to Miss Jessie E. Dain, a daughter of E. T. Dain of Brighton, Illinois. She died in 1896 and in 1908 Mr. Roodhouse was married to Miss Leita L. Loper, a daughter of Thaddeus L. Loper, of Chesterfield township. They have one child, Doris L., who was born December 23, 1909. George Loper, the grandfather of Mrs. Roodhouse, was born in New Jersey and came with his parents to Illinois when he was twelve years of age. The family settled on Challacombe Hill, in Chesterfield township, Macoupin county. After growing to maturity Mr. Loper was married to Sarah Norton and they located at Summerville, where he became the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of land. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Loper were fourteen children, five of whom died in infancy, the others being: John T., of

Summerville, who is now deceased; Lucinda, who married William Brewer, of Fort Scott, Kansas, and is also deceased; Theodore, of Summerville, who is deceased; Melville L. and Emmons B., both of whom are living at Summerville; Thaddeus L.; Emeline, who married Allen Eastham, of Medora, and is now deceased; Alithea, the wife of John T. Eastham, of Summerville; and Sabian W., also a resident of Summerville. Thaddeus L. Loper married Mattie C. Hunter and to this union three children were born.

Fraternally Mr. Roodhouse is identified with the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen of America, and politically he gives support to the republican party. He has served as school trustee but has never sought public office, preferring to make use of his energies in channels of business rather than in the turmoil of political strife. A man of sound principles, he has met all the responsibilities of life courageously and successfully and has attained a recognized position as one of the capable and progressive citizens of Macoupin county.

CHARLES E. CALDWELL.

Charles E. Caldwell is engaged in the cultivation of a one hundred and sixty acre tract of land in Staunton township that has been in his father's family for the greater part of a century. Mr. Caldwell was born in the township where he now resides on the 12th of February, 1858, and is a son of H. J. and Nancy (Griffiths) Caldwell. In the paternal line he is of Irish extraction, being descended from George Caldwell, who was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1802. There he grew to manhood and was educated, spending the first twenty-six years of his life in the land of his nativity. In 1823 he was married to Miss Mary Johnson, and soon thereafter they took passage for the United States. Upon their arrival in this country they located at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where they resided until 1836. There, during the period of President Jackson's administration, Mr. Caldwell was officially connected with the custom house. In 1836 with his wife and family he migrated to Macoupin county, settling on a tract of land about three miles east of Staunton, that had been previously preempted by his brother Henry, who had been a resident of the county for some years. Staunton at that time contained but two or three houses, and was surrounded by unbroken prairie, which was very sparsely settled. The nearest mill and market was at Alton, where the settlers for miles around were forced to take their grain to have it ground, and buy their supplies. Here Mr. Caldwell reared his family and assisted in establishing churches, and schools, and various public utilities. He was an enterprising, progressive man and having implicit confidence in the future of the country applied his energies not only toward the development of his private interests but those of the community at large. He lived to attain a ripe old age and passed away at the home of his son, the father of our subject, at the age of eighty-five years. His wife had died three years previously being seventy-five years old at the time of her demise. H. J. Caldwell was a lad of eight years when his parents emigrated to Illinois, his birth having occurred in Philadelphia on the 16th of

March, 1828. His education, which had been started in the public schools of his native city, was completed in those of Macoupin county, where he grew to manhood. He remained at home assisting his father in the cultivation of the farm until his marriage to Miss Griffiths, which event occurred at Hillsborough. She was born in Montgomery, Illinois, on the 6th of September, 1832, and is a daughter of John and Harriet (Pyatt) Griffith, the father being a native of Tennessee and the mother of North Carolina. They began their domestic life on the farm in Staunton township where Mr. Caldwell passed away on the 30th of May, 1904, at the age of seventy-six years. He was always more or less prominently connected with public affairs in Macoupin county, where he served as justice of the peace for four years. Fraternally he was identified with the Masonic order, holding membership in this county, and at one time he was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is survived by his wife, who continues to live on the old homestead. In Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell's family were six children: George N., John T., and Mary, who died in infancy; George B., who passed away at the age of nineteen years; Charles E., the subject of this sketch; and James H., who is operating the home farm for his mother.

Reared on the farm where he was born, Charles E. Caldwell during his boyhood attended the district schools of the vicinity, but later, supplemented the education therein obtained by a course in a school in St. Louis, where he studied for a time. He subsequently returned to his father's farm, in the operations of which he assisted until his marriage. Immediately following this event he settled on his grandfather's old homestead, and there he has ever since resided. Here he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, in both of which he has met with good success. In connection with his son he also owns a tract of land in Arkansas county, Arkansas.

In 1885 Mr. Caldwell was married to Miss Elizabeth Voyles and they have become the parents of five children: Nellie, the wife of John W. Hoxsey, of Staunton, by whom she has had one child, Roy Everett; and Roy, Nona Belle, Gracie and Daisy B., all of whom are at home.

Fraternally Mr. Caldwell affiliates with the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to the camp at Staunton; in politics he is a democrat, and for over twenty years has been filling the office of highway commissioner in his township. During the entire period of his life he has maintained the high standard of citizenship that has characterized his family for the three generations they have been residents of the county, and has many staunch friends in the community where he is living.

FRANK SICHER.

Frank Sicher, who has been a resident of Staunton for eighteen years, was born in Austria, on the 21st of March, 1866; his parents were Joseph and Brigardo (Asoun) Sicher, who spent their entire lives in the old country. He grew to manhood in his native land, where he acquired a meagre education, early being

compelled to become self-supporting. He began his wage-earning career as a laborer, but subsequently learned the stone mason's trade, following this occupation until he emigrated to the United States.

Mr. Sicher arrived in Staunton, Illinois, on the 6th of April, 1893, and for six years thereafter he worked in the mines and followed various other occupations. In 1898 he made a visit to his people in Austria, and while crossing the Atlantic met with an experience that falls to the lot of but few people. He took passage on the French liner, "La Burgoyne," and several days after leaving port they were struck by a merchantman loaded with sand. The boat immediately began to sink, and within an incredibly short length of time had gone down with more than seven hundred people on board, all of the passengers and crew with the exception of fifty-nine people having been lost. When the boat began to sink Mr. Sicher leaped overboard and soon found himself struggling in the waters with many fellow passengers, all of whom with the primal instinct had no thought save of self-preservation. He was at last able to clamber aboard a small boat and after being tossed about for six or eight hours they were picked up by the crew of the merchantman that had caused the disaster. Upon his return to the United States in 1899 Mr. Sicher engaged in the saloon business with which he has ever since been identified. He has met with good financial success and owns the building in which his business is located as well as another store building and several residences in Staunton.

In 1902, Mr. Sicher was married to Mrs. Theresa Rizzie, the widow of Joseph Rizzie, by whom she had two sons: Joseph, who is a bartender for Mr. Sicher; and Herman, who is at home.

He is a member of the Catholic church and he also belongs to the Western Catholic Union. His political support Mr. Sicher always gives to the men and measures he deems best adapted to subserve the interests of the majority, irrespective of party affiliation. He has never been an aspirant to official honors, however, although he is a public-spirited citizen and takes an active interest in all community affairs.

NATHANIEL CARRICO.

One of the wealthiest and best known men of Honey Point township is Nathaniel Carrico. He is a native of Jersey county, Illinois, born September 9, 1833, being a son of Nathaniel and Mary (Brown) Carrico. The father was born in Kentucky and was of French descent, while the mother was a native of Missouri and of American descent. Dennis Carrico, the grandfather, was born in Maryland of French parents. He migrated to Illinois at an early day and located in Greene county, where he applied himself as a farmer and millwright. Nathaniel Carrico, the father, arrived in Illinois in 1824, and settled on a farm in Jersey county, where he continued until his death in 1833. His wife subsequently moved to Logan county, where she spent the remainder of her days. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Carrico were four children, three of them being daughters. Sarah Jane married Dudley Bower and they lived in Illinois for



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many years and then took up their residence in Kansas. They are both now deceased, Mrs. Bower having been called away September 16, 1902, at the age of seventy-four years, nine months and twenty-three days. Elizabeth married James Bower, who died, and she is now the wife of William Leighton, of California. Hannah married Jackson Rutherford, a farmer of Macoupin county, and is now deceased.

Nathaniel Carrico, the only son of the family, remained upon the home farm until seventeen years of age and then came to Macoupin county and entered two hundred acres of government land, the land costing him ninety cents per acre. After attaining his majority he located upon that place and it has ever since been his abode. On the 18th of September, 1854, just nine days after he attained his majority, he went to Edwardsville, Madison county, Illinois, and entered two hundred acres of prairie land and also purchased five acres of timber land, which property he still owns at this writing in the fall of 1911. He made the entry with twelve dollars received from his grandfather's estate and also invested the one hundred and ninety dollars received from his father's estate. Subsequently he purchased three hundred and fifty acres adjoining his homestead and at different times added to his landed possessions until he became the owner of several farms, aggregating one thousand acres, in Macoupin and Montgomery counties. He has given some of his land to his children, but most of his farms are being cultivated under lease. He retired from active labors about ten years ago, but still has oversight of his business and is remarkably vigorous mentally and physically.

On the 28th of February, 1856, Mr. Carrico was married to Miss Milbury J. Mitchell, a daughter of Elijah Mitchell, who was one of the first settlers of Brushy Mound township. There were twelve children born to this union, namely: Mary Elizabeth, of Brushy Mound township, the widow of George W. Drake, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Annie, who died May 28, 1866, at the age of seven years, eleven months and nineteen days; Margaret, the wife of Charles Kaesebier, who is engaged in the general merchandise business at Barnett, Illinois; Laura, who died July 28, 1866, at the age of three years, four months and fourteen days; Nathaniel, who died September 20, 1866, at the age of one year, nine months and eleven days; John, who is now living upon the home place; Lulu, who married C. E. Merritt, a dairyman of Lincoln, Illinois; George, who is engaged in the general mercantile business at Barnett; Martha, the wife of William Guilfoyle, a well driller of Barnett; Nora, the wife of John Pruitt, a plumber of Springfield, Missouri; and Phoebe Maude and Jesse, both of whom died in infancy. The mother of these children died October 18, 1879, and Mr. Carrico was married July 1, 1886, to Mrs. Virginia Williams, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Decker, the father being a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Germany. Mr. Decker was engaged in farming in Illinois at the outbreak of the Civil war and bravely responded to the call of his country, enlisting in an Illinois regiment. He died from fever contracted while on duty and was buried at Louisville, Kentucky, being the first man of his company to give up his life for his country. Mrs. Decker is also deceased and was buried at Litchfield, Illinois. By his second marriage Mr. Carrico became the father of three children: Virginia B., who is living in St. Louis, Missouri; Dottie, now the wife of

Edward Thornton, who is living on one of Mr. Carrico's farms; and Francis, wife of Charles Herron, a farmer of Honey Point township. By her former marriage Mrs. Carrico had two children: Mrs. Mary E. Bates, of East St. Louis; and Albert G. Green, of Oelwein, Iowa.

In politics Mr. Carrico has supported the republican party ever since he arrived at his majority, having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln as president of the United States. On account of illness at the time of the election he was unable to go to the polls to vote for John C. Fremont, the first candidate of the republican party for president. He has taken great interest in education and served for thirty years as school director of the home district in Honey Point township. He also for four years filled the office of justice of the peace. His wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Litchfield. Mr. Carrico has been especially fortunate in being of clear discernment in business affairs and also in possessing a discrimination as to values, which are highly important in the accumulation of property. Few men in Macoupin county can claim more intimate knowledge of the resources of the county and his opinion as to values of agricultural lands is unquestioned. Starting upon his own account as a boy, he has become an acknowledged leader and is accorded the respect which belongs to the man who has ever sought to be governed by principles of truth and justice.

PHILIP FLOOD.

Among the representative business men of Girard must be remembered Philip Flood attended the parish schools of his native city, until it was deemed he had of Macoupin county, during the greater portion of which time he has been president of the firm now known as the Flood & Lowe Lumber Co.

He was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1831, and is a son of Philip and Catherine (Doyle) Flood, who spent their entire lives in the Emerald isle. Philip Flood attended the parish schools of his native city, until it was deemed he had sufficient education to enable him to begin an apprenticeship under his father, who was an upholsterer. Very much dissatisfied with conditions surrounding the poorer classes of his native land the youth became greatly interested in America. Convinced that far better opportunities were to be found in the United States he determined to come to that great republic and located in Cincinnati in 1849, penniless. A less determined or less confident nature would have been almost hopelessly discouraged, but not so with Philip Flood whose confidence was not shaken in the least. He obtained a position in an upholsterer's shop where he continued his apprenticeship, receiving for his services three dollars per week. This remuneration was his sole income for three years thereafter, following which he became a journeyman with the Mitchell & Rammelsburg Furniture Company. In 1855, three years after he entered their employment, they sent him to their branch house at St. Louis. He was not only a skillful and competent workman but early gave evidence of possessing the keen judgment and business acumen which characterized his entire commercial career. His em-

employers recognized his ability and promoted him from time to time until he became interested in the business and was made manager of the St. Louis house. He severed his connection with this company in 1879 and coming to Girard bought out the interest of Mr. Andrews, of the firm of Andrews & McNett, lumber dealers, thereafter known as McNett & Flood. In 1882 Mr. Flood bought the interest of his partner, continuing the business under the name of the Philip Flood Lumber Company, until 1903, when he took his stepson, Fred Lowe into partnership and it became the Flood and Lowe Lumber Company. They have extended the scope of their activities and now own four yards, located in Girard, Birden, Farmersville and Thayer. Mr. Flood is president of the company, whose membership is as follows: Fred Lowe, G. G. Garretson, Joseph Ross, Herman Ross and W. W. Bristow. He is one of the affluent citizens of Girard and in addition to his extensive business interests is president of the Girard Building & Loan Association, of which he is one of the organizers.

Mr. Flood has been married three times, his first union having been with Mrs. Christina Robbins in Cincinnati in 1854. After her demise in 1893 he married Mrs. Amy Metcalf of Girard, who is also deceased. On the 19th of November, 1907, he was united to his present wife, formerly Mrs. Harriet Tietzsort.

The church affiliation of Mr. and Mrs. Flood is with the Baptist denomination, while fraternally he is a Mason of high rank, being a member of the Pride of the West Lodge, No. 179, A. F. & A. M., of which he was master; Girard Lodge, No. 132, R. A. M.; and St. Omar Commandery, No. 30, K. T., of Springfield, while he is a worthy patron of the Girard Lodge, No. 171, O. E. S. He is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being identified with Wildey Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., of St. Louis, of which he is past master, and he holds membership in the Ancient Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Flood was a resident of St. Louis during the Civil war and was a member of the militia of the city, but he never went to the front. His political support he gives to the democratic party and for one term he served as mayor of Girard. Having attained the venerable age of eighty years, Mr. Flood is now living practically retired, enjoying the ease and comfort procured by the constant application and hard work which has been most substantially rewarded. During the long period of his residence in the United States he has never had reason to regret the transference of his allegiance to this government, despite the hardships and discouragements that he so frequently encountered during his early years.

ALBERT A. HEINZ.

Carlinville has always been the home of Albert A. Heinz, the well known proprietor of the Carlinville Steam Laundry, his birth having occurred here on the 28th of April, 1864. He is of German extraction and a son of Peter and Johanna (Knabner) Heinz, both natives of Germany. His paternal grandfather, Henry Heinz, spent his entire life in that country. He was a glass

blower by trade, and for many years conducted a factory at Klein, Dettau, Bavaria, where he passed away at the age of seventy-seven years. In early manhood he married Miss Morgenthum, and to them were born five children, namely, Andreas, Wilhelm, Peter, Christina and Fredericke.

Peter Heinz, the father of our subject, was reared and educated in his native land and there learned the cabinetmaker's trade. It was in 1852 that he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and located in the vicinity of Chesterfield, Illinois, where for a year he worked by the month as a farm hand. At the expiration of that time he felt that he had acquired a sufficient knowledge of the language and customs of the country to become more independent and, coming to Carlinville, he worked at his trade for some time and also devoted considerable attention to carpenter work and contracting. He was a skilled mechanic and soon gave evidence of his ability as a workman as well as his trustworthiness and reliability in business affairs. Many contracts were awarded him and he erected a number of business blocks and private residences in Carlinville, but, preferring cabinet work, he later devoted his entire attention to that occupation. Locating on West Main street, he began the manufacture of furniture and coffins by hand and at one time employed four journeymen, all master workmen. At that time walnut was the favored wood and he obtained his material from the farmers who brought him the logs which he had cut in accordance with his requirements. He continued in that business until 1883, when he was succeeded by his sons, Charles G. and Henry C. In early manhood he married Johanna Knabner, a daughter of George and Ernestina (Karlin) Knabner, who emigrated to America and located in Carlinville, Illinois, in 1854. Two years later they erected the residence in which they spent the remainder of their lives and it is now occupied by their grandsons. The death of both occurred in the same summer and they were laid to rest in the city cemetery. Mr. Knabner was a miller by trade and prior to his emigration to this country conducted a grist and sawmill at Langennau. In his family were seven children: Johanna, who became Mrs. Heinz; Fredericke, now Mrs. Loehr, of Carlinville; Theresa, the wife of A. E. Sander, of St. Louis; Edward, also a resident of St. Louis; Charles, of Seattle, Washington; Anton, of Carlinville; and Christian, who died in Texas. The family were all reared in the faith of the Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Heinz had six sons and one daughter: Fredericke, the wife of John Kistner; Charles G.; Theodore, who died in infancy; Henry C.; Albert A.; Adolph, who died at the age of eleven years; and Gustav. All were confirmed in the German Lutheran church, of which the parents were earnest members. The mother died in December, 1904, and the father passed away the following year, both being seventy-eight years of age at the time of their deaths.

Reared under the parental roof, Albert A. Heinz obtained his early education in the public and German Lutheran parochial schools of Carlinville. In order to acquire a practical knowledge of commercial methods he pursued a course of study at the Johnson Business College of St. Louis, from which he was graduated. He then served an apprenticeship to the tinner's trade, which he followed for fifteen years, and at the end of that time embarked in the laundry business, to which he has since devoted his attention with success.

On the 8th of November, 1898, Mr. Heinz was united in marriage to Miss Clara L. Siegel, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, and a daughter of George and Clara L. (Horn) Siegel. Her father was born in Waterloo, Illinois, but her mother was a native of Pennsylvania and they were married in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1863. Five years later they became residents of Carlinville and here the father passed away in May, 1911, at the age of seventy-one years, but the mother is still living. Mr. Siegel served his country during the Civil war as a volunteer in a Missouri regiment. Frederick and Julia (Myer) Horn, the maternal grandparents of Mrs. Heinz, were natives of Germany and Mr. Horn was associated with his father in the manufacture of cloth, doing an extensive business. He was married in Newark, New Jersey, after coming to this country and subsequently removed to St. Louis, Missouri, and from there came to Carlinville, where both he and his wife died. Mr. and Mrs. Heinz have three children, Albert E., Regina Verlie and Karl. Fraternally Mr. Heinz is a member of Orient Lodge, No. 95, K. P., and also belongs to the Court of Honor. He is a stanch supporter of the democratic party but has never cared for official honors. He is one of the enterprising and successful business men of Carlinville, and being upright and honorable in all his dealings has made many friends.

S. P. SANNER.

Agricultural and financial interests of Macoupin county have both felt the stimulus of the excellent business ability of S. P. Sanner, who was born in Madison county, Illinois, about eight miles south of Bunker Hill, on the 25th of February, 1836. His parents, Samuel and Barbara (Paul) Sanner, natives of Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, respectively, were married in the Keystone state and came to Illinois in 1833, locating in Madison county. The father engaged in the saddle and harness business for a few years in that county, and then removed to Shelby county, Illinois, where his death occurred at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife passed away on the 8th of January, 1896. In the family were the following children: Sarah and Elizabeth, both deceased; Jacob, a resident of Shelby county, Illinois; William, deceased; S. P., of this review; Lovejoy, deceased; Edward and David, both residents of Shelby county; Matilda, of Decatur, Illinois; Shields, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Frances, deceased; and John, of New Mexico.

In the common schools of Madison county, S. P. Sanner pursued his education and remained at home until 1862, when he began his independent career as a farmer, taking up his abode upon the farm which is yet his home. He has since been actively identified with agricultural pursuits and as the years have passed prosperity has attended him in substantial and gratifying degree, clearly indicating the business ability displayed in the conduct of his affairs. His home farm, which he has greatly improved, is one of the valuable properties of this locality and is the visible evidence of a life of industry, perseverance and thrift. At one time he was the owner of one thousand acres of land, but some of this he has given to his children. Turning his attention to the financial field,

he was one of the organizers and the first vice president of the Bank of Shipman, of which he is now president, and thus he is well known in the banking circles of Macoupin county as well as along agricultural lines.

On April 8, 1860, Mr. Sanner was married to Miss Margaret Nancy Calvin, who was born in Madison county, Illinois, November 13, 1837, a daughter of Philip and Jane (Clarke) Calvin, who came from Pennsylvania to Illinois in 1834, locating near Hennepin. In 1836 they took up their abode near Edwardsville, where the father passed away in 1867. He was a cooper by trade. His wife's death occurred in 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Sanner have become the parents of nine children, as follows: Jesse Francis, who was born December 6, 1860, and is now engaged in farming in Brighton township; Anna Belle, born March 31, 1863, who married Rev. James G. Miller, of West Chester, Ohio; Lucy, deceased; Sophie May, who was born May 10, 1868, and now resides in Bunker Hill; Samuel Clarke, also deceased; Nellie, born August 22, 1871, yet at home; Harry, born May 9, 1873, at home; Otto, born January 30, 1878, a farmer of Bunker Hill township; and Julia Frances, born September 14, 1882, the wife of Rev. Floyd Barr, assistant pastor of the Third Presbyterian church of Chicago.

The life of Mr. Sanner has been one of continuous activity and the prominent position which he today occupies in the business circles of Macoupin county is well merited, for his record has ever been characterized by steady progress resulting from the wise and intelligent utilization of every opportunity that has come to him. In all of his work he has been prompted by a laudable ambition, yet his methods have at all times been honorable and upright and have gained for him the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

W. F. STRUCK.

W. F. Struck has been a resident of Staunton since his birth, which occurred on the 25th of April, 1885. He is a son of the late Herman and Henrietta (Demke) Struck, natives of Germany. The father, who was a miner, emigrated to the United States in his early manhood, locating in Staunton, where he was subsequently married and both he and his wife passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Struck were the parents of five children: Minnie, who is the wife of August Fries, of Staunton; F. H., who is engaged in the livery business in the same place; Emma, the wife of P. H. Houck, of St. Louis, Missouri; W. F., who is our subject; and Hattie, who is unmarried and keeps house for her brother, our subject.

The public and high schools of Staunton enabled W. F. Struck to acquire a good, practical education, following which he became self-supporting. When he was seventeen years of age he entered the mines in which he worked for several years, after which he bought a livery stable here. Conducting this business for four years he sold it to his brother and engaged in the saloon business, and he now owns and operates the Interurban Bar. He has been financially successful and has acquired some real estate in Staunton.

Mr. Struck has never married. He belongs to the Evangelical church of Staunton, in the faith of which he was reared, and fraternally is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of Litchfield. He supports the republican party, but his interest in political affairs is practically confined to the casting of a ballot, as he has never been an aspirant to political honors.

JAMES H. WOLFE.

The life record of James H. Wolfe, now deceased, covered a period of seventy-eight years and few men of Macoupin county have been more highly respected. He was long a resident of this county and conducted his affairs in such a way as to reflect credit not only upon himself but upon all with whom he was associated. He belonged on the paternal side to one of the old families of Pennsylvania and was born in Morgan county, Illinois, March 19, 1830. His parents were George and Mary (Sims) Wolfe, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of South Carolina. The grandfather on the maternal side, James Sims, was born in Virginia but emigrated to Illinois and was the first representative from Sangamon county to the state legislature. George Wolfe, father of our subject, came to Macoupin county with his family in 1839 and located on a farm on Apple creek, in North Palmyra township, where he made his home until 1854 and then removed to North Otter township, settling on a farm four and a half miles from Girard. There his wife died on the 1st of January, 1873, and he passed away four months later.

James H. Wolfe was the eldest of a family of seven sons and grew to manhood under the favoring conditions of country life. At the age of nine years he came with his father to Macoupin county. He began attending school in Morgan county but continued his education in the district schools of North Palmyra township. In 1842 he began actively assisting his father upon the home farm and so continued until 1850 when he became a teacher, but also devoted his attention to farming as opportunity permitted. In 1855 he was appointed agent of the Chicago & Alton Railway at Girard, being the first agent of the road at that point, and in 1856 embarked in the mercantile business at Girard. Previous to his mercantile career he was engaged in buying live stock, which he drove to the market at Alton and St. Louis. The news of the discovery of gold in Colorado created great excitement in 1858 throughout the Mississippi Valley and Mr. Wolfe started overland with a party of adventurous young men bent upon quickly acquiring a fortune in the new gold fields. They endured many hardships after arriving at a spot near the foot of the mountains where Denver now stands, but the sands of Cherry Creek refused to yield the yellow treasure and the quartz mines of Gilpin and Clear Creek counties proved equally unpromising to many gold seekers. After becoming convinced that his destiny pointed in other directions than to gold mines Mr. Wolfe returned to Girard and until 1869 engaged in teaching and in the lumber business at Shipman. He then moved to Carlinville and served two terms as deputy county clerk. In 1878 he took up his residence on a farm near Nilwood, which he cultivated for ten

years. He then removed to the village of Nilwood where he spent the remainder of his life, being one of the successful merchants of the town.

On the 3d of September, 1857, Mr. Wolfe was married to Miss Faustina M. Magoon, who was born in Canada, a daughter of Ezra and Betsy (Mack) Magoon, the former of whom was a native of Canada and the latter of New Hampshire. Mrs. Wolfe is a granddaughter of Asa Mack, of New Hampshire, and a great-granddaughter of Cyrus Mack, who was one of the soldiers of the patriot army at the time of the Revolutionary war. Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe five are now living: Arthur L. and Mary E., both of Nilwood; George E., who married Minnie E. Otwell and resides in Norman, Minnesota; Mabel, who became the wife of John Murphy, of Nilwood, and has one daughter, Ruth; and Faustina E., who lives at Nilwood. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe, Loren E., married Ella B. Corrington and died in 1893, leaving one child, Roland C., who is now living in Minnesota.

Mr. Wolfe was a valued member of Girard Lodge, No. 171, A. F. & A. M., and was for many years a member of the Masonic order, having been made a Mason in 1855. He was also identified with the Odd Fellows and had many warm personal friends in those organizations. He gave his support to the republican party and, being an earnest friend of education, served as a member of the school board, the only political office he ever held being that of supervisor. He died December 19, 1908, and for many years had faithfully discharged his duties as a citizen and the head of a family, setting an example of industry, integrity and perseverance worthy of the highest commendation. His memory will ever be deeply revered by all with whom he came in contact either in business or social relations.

PETER JACOBI.

The cultivation of a fine farm of two hundred and seventy acres in Bunker Hill township absorbs the attention of Peter Jacobi, one of the prosperous farmers of Macoupin county. He was born in Germany on the 14th of January, 1846, being a son of Caspar and Elizabeth (Colonias) Jacobi, who emigrated to the United States in 1853, locating in Brighton, Illinois, where they spent the remainder of their lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacobi there were born seven children: Philip, who is a resident of Chesterfield, Illinois; Peter, our subject; Mary, who is still living in Brighton; Fred, who makes his home in Fayette, Illinois; Lizzie, who is deceased; Anna, who lives in Jacksonville; and Louis, a resident of Denver, Colorado.

As he was only a lad of seven years when his parents brought him to the United States, Peter Jacobi obtained his education in the district schools of Brighton township. Leaving his studies he continued at home, assisting in the work of the farm until he was eighteen years of age. He responded to the call for volunteers in 1864 and, enlisting in Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, he went to the front where he remained for four months. After the expiration of his period of service he re-

turned to Brighton where he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for six years. He subsequently located on a farm in Brighton township, continuing its cultivation until 1885, when he purchased his homestead in Bunker Hill township. This contains two hundred and seventy acres of land, all of which is in a high state of cultivation and well improved.

In 1871 Mr. Jacobi married Miss Minnie Heyer, who was born in St. Charles, Missouri, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Heyer. Of the fifteen children born to them eleven are still living, namely: Minnie, at home; Lydia, who holds a civil service position at Anaconda, Montana; Peter, a railway mail clerk at Bunker Hill, Illinois; Arnold and Fred, both residents of El Reno, Oklahoma; Alvin, Caspar, Dora, Van and Milton, all at home; and Frances, the wife of Chester Pennington, of Bunker Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobi hold membership in the German Methodist Episcopal church, and his political support he gives to the republican party. He takes an active interest in all township affairs, and though never an office seeker for monetary rewards, held some minor offices. Mr. Jacobi is one of the thrifty and enterprising citizens of Bunker Hill township, whose unremitting energy intelligently applied has enabled him to attain the success to which he aspired.

THOMAS GRAY.

Thomas Gray, who is cultivating his father's old homestead located on section 21, Hilyard township, was born in Madison county, Illinois, on the 30th of July, 1856. He is the son of James and Matilda (Janes) Gray, the father being born in Virginia, in 1806, and the mother in Ohio. James Gray came to Illinois when a youth of seventeen years, first settling in Sangamon county, where he devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits to which he had been trained from his boyhood. From there he removed to Madison county, continuing to be identified with the same activity for three years. He subsequently came to Macoupin county where he was connected with farming interests until his death in 1897, at the age of ninety-one years. The family of Mr. and Mrs. James Gray numbered thirteen, eight sons and five daughters. Of these three are now living: Mrs. Oliver M. Beebe, of this county; Hillary, who is also a resident of this county; and Thomas, our subject.

The common schools of Macoupin county provided Thomas Gray with such educational advantages as he enjoyed, while his preliminary agricultural knowledge he acquired under the supervision of his father. General farming and stock-raising have always engaged his activities, his efforts at all times having been so intelligently directed that he has met with good financial returns and now owns one of the valuable farms of Hilyard township, originally the property of his father.

For his wife Mr. Gray chose Miss Mary Howerton, their marriage taking place in Macoupin county, on the 9th of February, 1882. Miss Howerton was born near Brighton, Illinois, on the 19th of July, 1860, and was the daughter of Robert and Sophia (King) Howerton, both natives of this county. To Mr. and

Mrs. Gray were born two daughters: Fannie, the wife of S. J. Johnson, of Fosterburg; and Irene, who keeps house for her father, the mother having passed away on the 17th of March, 1886.

In religious faith Mr. Gray is a Baptist, while politically he is an earnest advocate of the principles of the democratic party. He has never prominently figured in community affairs, always having led a somewhat retired life, but he can at all times be depended upon to give his support to every movement for the general welfare.

WILLIAM R. GRAHAM.

One of the oldest commercial vocations of Carlinville is the drug business now being conducted by William R. Graham. He represents the third generation of his family to have been identified with this enterprise, which was originally established by his grandfather, Milo Graham, sixty years ago.

William R. Graham was born in Carlinville in October, 1877, and is a son of the late William D. and Mary (Rice) Graham, also natives of Macoupin county, the father having for many years been identified with the business now conducted by the son. To Dr. and Mrs. William D. Graham were born three children, of whom our subject is the youngest, the others being Florence, who became the wife of Howard O. Tally, and Frank, who passed away on the 30th of January, 1905. Dr. Graham is also deceased, his death occurring on the 16th of November, 1906, but his wife is still living and continues to make her home in Carlinville.

Almost the entire period of the life of William R. Graham has been spent amid the scenes made familiar during the days of his boyhood and youth. He was reared in Carlinville and pursued his education in the public schools of this city. After completing his high-school course he went to the State University at Chicago and matriculated in the pharmacy department, being graduated from this institution in the class of 1900, two years subsequent to his entrance. Immediately thereafter he returned to Carlinville and engaged in business with his father, who had purchased the interest of his former partner, A. M. Boring, in order to create a place for his son. They were associated together until the father's death, since which time Mr. Graham has been conducting the business alone. He has a most attractive store, modern in all of its appointments and containing a large and well assorted stock of drugs and sundries. The policy inaugurated when the business was established and maintained throughout the period of its existence, has resulted in the firm having acquired a reputation for unqualified trustworthiness and reliability, that has enabled them to build up a large and permanent patronage among a most desirable class of people.

Mr. Graham was married in February, 1895, to Miss Louise J. Graves, a daughter of Edmund Decalvis and Amanda (Carrico) Graves. The parents were both natives of Kentucky, in which state Mrs. Graham's birth occurred in February, 1876. The father engaged in farming in the Blue Grass state until his death in 1885. Soon thereafter his widow and family came to Macoupin

county, locating in Girard, where they remained for four years, when they removed to Springfield. There, the mother, who is now sixty-six still makes her home. Mr. and Mrs. Graham have two daughters: Irene, who is fifteen, and Susan Louise, who is eleven years of age. The family, very happy in their home life, live at 404 East Second South street, where Mr. Graham owns his own residence.

They attend the Baptist church, of which both Mr. and Mrs. Graham are members, and he fraternally is identified with the Knights of Pythias. His political rights he exercises in support of the men and measures of the republican party, and is now serving as a member of the board of education of Carlinville. Mr. Graham has established a record for business integrity and personal worth that fully entitles him to the esteem he is accorded in the community, where his family has been held in the highest respect for over sixty years.

LAFAYETTE P. SMITH.

Honored and respected by all, there is no man who occupies a more enviable position in financial circles in North Palmyra township than Lafayette P. Smith, not alone by reason of the success achieved but also owing to the fact that his business methods have ever been straightforward and honorable. Born in this county, near Scottville, on the 2d of November, 1852, he is a son of Jesse and Celia (Roach) Smith, natives of Kentucky and Tennessee respectively. Arnton Smith, the grandfather, was a blacksmith by trade and came to Illinois at an early day, locating on a farm here which he operated throughout the remainder of his life. His son, Jesse Smith, whose lifelong occupation was that of farming, removed with his family to Jackson county, Missouri, in 1870, and there he and his wife both passed away, his death occurring in 1895. His wife died in 1885.

Lafayette P. Smith acquired his education in the common schools of Illinois and Missouri, and after laying aside his text-books accepted a position as clerk in a store in the latter state, in which capacity he was employed for about two years. He then returned to Illinois and for a time worked at Nilwood, Macoupin county, after which he went to Girard and there engaged in clerking for the R. J. Walker Grain Company for a few years. In 1881 he arrived in Palmyra and for a time was employed as bookkeeper and manager for the Duncan, Richie and Mahan Lumber & Grain Company, continuing in that capacity until November, 1885, when he became cashier of the Bank of Palmyra, holding that position until 1892. In the latter year he was admitted to a partnership in the firm, having acquired a third interest in the bank, and in 1900 was elected to the presidency of that institution, following the death of D. N. Solomon. Since accepting that office his interests have been fully identified with those of the bank, which under his wise management has become one of the safe and popular moneyed institutions of this district, capably controlled along conservative lines, every means being employed to protect the depositors and at the same time give them the benefit of a progressive business policy.

Mr. Smith is also interested in farming pursuits, being the owner of a fine property of one hundred and eighty acres, under the supervision of an overseer, and is an extensive raiser and feeder of cattle and hogs, this branch of his business being a substantial and gratifying source of income.

Mr. Smith was married, February 26, 1879, in Girard, Illinois, to Miss Minnie Duncan, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Kitzmiller) Duncan, both natives of East Tennessee. The father, now deceased, was a merchant by occupation. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born five children, as follows: J. A., assistant cashier of the Bank of Palmyra, who married Irene Grimmitt, a daughter of W. T. Grimmitt, assistant postmaster of that place, where Mrs. Smith served as her father's deputy for several years; Mabelle, the wife of L. A. Davidson, a merchant of Mount Auburn, Illinois, by whom she has two children, Dean and Dale; Laura, the wife of Robert B. James, a merchant of Belton, Texas; Ethel, the wife of L. C. Lakin, senior partner and manager of the Lakin-McKey Manufacturing Company of Fort Scott, Kansas; and Byron, at home with his parents.

Mr. Smith is a valued and exemplary member of the Baptist church of Palmyra and also belongs to Palmyra Lodge, No. 463, A. F. & A. M.; Girard Chapter, No. 132, R. A. M.; and the Modern Woodmen of America, of Palmyra. He gives stalwart support to the democratic party, although the honors and emoluments of office have held no attraction for him, preferring to concentrate his attention upon the conduct of his business affairs. He has ever utilized his opportunities to the best advantage and, making steady progress in the business world, has today reached a position of prominence and influence. A dependable man under all circumstances, the simple weight of his character and ability has carried him into important business relations, and his career is in contradistinction to the old adage that "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country."

E. J. McINTYRE.

Four hundred and seventy-two acres of well tilled land pays tribute to the agricultural skill of E. J. McIntyre, who was born in Keokuk, Iowa, on the 15th of October, 1860. His parents were James and Sarah (Jones) McIntyre, the father a native of Ireland, the mother of England. James McIntyre emigrated to the United States from the Emerald isle in the early years of his manhood, first locating in New York, where he worked at the mason's trade for a year. He subsequently became a resident of Keokuk, where he was residing at the breaking out of the Civil war. In response to the love of freedom and patriotism inherent in every Irishman he responded to the country's call and went to the front, where he served most valiantly for four years. After receiving his discharge he returned to Keokuk, again engaging at his trade which he followed for eight years. In 1873 he came to Macoupin county, buying a farm and turning his attention to agricultural pursuits from then until his demise in March, 1910. The mother had passed away five years previously.

A youth of thirteen when his parents settled in Macoupin county, E. J. McIntyre completed his preliminary education in the public schools of Carlinville, after which he attended Blackburn University. After the completion of his education he gave his entire time and attention to farming under the capable direction of his father, who took him into partnership when he attained his majority. From then until the latter's death they were associated in operating the farm upon which Mr. McIntyre is now residing. In connection with the tilling of his extensive fields he raises considerable stock, always keeping about sixty cows and twenty-two horses and raising sixty hogs annually.

In December, 1893, Mr. McIntyre married Miss Carrie Winter, a daughter of the late Samuel and Jane (Jones) Winter. Her father was a native of England, while her mother was born in North Carolina. Upon his arrival in this country, Mr. Winter first located in Chicago, where he followed teaming, later engaging in the meat business. After two years' residence in Illinois' metropolis he went to Dubuque, Iowa, where he followed the same business for three years, then came to Macoupin county. Here he purchased a farm that he operated very successfully until 1882, when he disposed of it and removed to Missouri. He bought land in the latter state, continuing to follow agricultural pursuits until his demise on the 27th of November, 1889. His wife is still living at the age of seventy-nine years and continues to make her residence on the Missouri homestead. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre: Roy, Everett, Allen and Hugh. The latter died in 1904.

In matters of religion Mr. McIntyre holds to the Episcopalian faith of his parents, while Mrs. McIntyre affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically he is a democrat, and is now serving as township commissioner while for fifteen years he was school director. He has spent the greater portion of his life in the immediate vicinity of his homestead, and is well known in the community among whose citizens he numbers many stanch friends.

WILLIAM WILLIS RHOADS.

A member of one of the best known families in Macoupin county, William W. Rhoads, of Brighton, has possessed excellent opportunities of becoming acquainted with business methods and has been highly successful in the conduct of financial affairs. He was born near Plainview, May 13, 1872, and is now entering upon the prime of life with prospects of advancement which point to large activities in years to come.

His parents are Isaiah and Mary A. (Meehan) Rhoads, the former of whom was born at Rhoads Point, now Medora, and the latter in Iowa. Josiah Rhoads, the great-grandfather of our subject and his brothers Rev. Jacob, John, Jesse, father of Colonel W. C. Rhoads, of Civil war fame, and Rev. Samuel Rhoads, were natives of Kentucky and the founders of the family in Macoupin county. They entered government land in Macoupin and Jersey counties, locating their homes across the line in Jersey county, and were the first settlers in that portion of the state now known as Jersey and Macoupin counties. The place of their

location was afterward named Rhoads Point in their honor. The family has for many years been noted for its religious faith and has contributed eleven ministers to the Baptist church. Edmund and John V. Rhoads, uncles of our subject, were very liberal in their contributions to worthy causes and contributed thousands of dollars to religious and charitable work. John V. Rhoads was especially noted for his liberality and at one time had as his guests the entire Apple Creek Baptist Association, which consisted of several hundred persons.

Isaiah Rhoads, the father of our subject, was born in 1844 on the old Chisholm farm, just across the line separating Macoupin from Jersey county. This place was a part of the original Rhoads homestead. The family acquired many hundred acres of land just north of Rhoads Point and there established the family home, when Isaiah was in his early boyhood. The latter engaged in farming and about 1900 removed to Granite City in order to carry forward under more favorable conditions the education of his children. He and his wife are now living at that place. They are both members of the Baptist church and have been prominent factors in the erection of the new church built at Granite City.

Amidst the environment of country life William W. Rhoads spent his youthful days. His attendance at school was limited to about two years as the family was not in flourishing financial circumstances and his services were needed upon the home farm as soon as he was tall enough to handle a hoe or guide a plow. Through an innate perseverance he has overcome the early obstacles to intellectual advancement and by reading and study has become one of the best informed men in the community. He received only a few lessons in grammar and physiology at school but he became a teacher and in the course of an experience of three years as a schoolmaster proved himself to be quite proficient in those two branches. He worked as a farm laborer at fourteen dollars per month, paying seventy-five cents per month for laundry. When it was necessary for him to practice rigid economy he did not hesitate to do so, and upon arriving at the age of twenty-nine years he entered the timber business, with which he has ever since been connected, being now one of the large operators in this line. In order to give an idea of the magnitude upon which he carries forward his work it may be stated that he has furnished mining timbers for seventy-five mines and recently sold one million square feet of lumber. He is the owner of extensive timber land in five counties of the state and also conducts sawmills. Since 1903 he has maintained his business headquarters at Brighton.

On February 14, 1910, Mr. Rhoads was married to Miss Alice T. Moores, a daughter of Frank and Mertie (Kelsey) Moores, the latter being the eldest daughter of John Kelsey, the pioneer settler of the Kelsey family in Brighton township. Mrs. Rhoads was christened in the Episcopal church but attends the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically Mr. Rhoads is a stanch supporter of the democratic party and ever since he reached voting age has been very active in the advancement of its interests. He was elected clerk of Polk township at the age of twenty-one and has frequently been reelected to the office. Since 1904 he has been a member of the county board of supervisors, with the exception of one term when he was defeated. This is the only defeat he has ever experienced in a political campaign, but at one time was given a tie vote

when a candidate for clerk of Polk township. He has served as a delegate or alternate to the county conventions of the party ever since he reached his majority and has been sent to the state convention as a delegate many times, having also occupied a chair as alternate at the national convention.

Although Mr. Rhoads is not a member of any religious denomination he is a teacher in a Sabbath school and has been connected with Sabbath school and church work for the past fifteen years. He is a sincere believer in fraternal organizations and is a member of Hibbard Lodge, No. 249, A. F. & A. M.; Brighton Lodge No. 366, I. O. O. F.; and of the Encampment, being also connected with Plainview Camp, No. 1365, M. W. A. He has passed through all the chairs in the latter organization and has also filled all the chairs in the subordinate lodge of Odd Fellows, being at the present time acting past grand and secretary of the lodge. He has through life exhibited the qualities of perseverance, integrity and adherence to principles of truth and justice which have been leading characteristics of the honored family of which he is a representative. He has made friends wherever his name is known and, judging by what he has accomplished, there are large possibilities before him in years to come. He is gifted with sound business judgment and as his methods are eminently sane and practical he has apparently built upon a safe and secure foundation. His friends, who are many, have the utmost confidence in his continued advancement.

DOUGLAS M. BATES.

A well known stockman and farmer of Carlinville township is Douglas M. Bates, who was born in Bird township, Macoupin county, Illinois, on the 11th of May, 1861, a son of George and Agnes Ann (Adams) Bates, also natives of Illinois. The father was born and reared in this county, engaging in agricultural pursuits all of his life. The first property he owned was a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Bird township, which he improved and cultivated for eight years. He then disposed of this land, buying a quarter section in Carlinville township that he operated until his death on the 4th of February, 1879. His wife had passed away about ten years previously, her demise occurring in December.

Douglas M. Bates was reared in Macoupin county, his early interests being very similar to those of other lads reared in the country at that period. He attended the district schools of the vicinity until he had acquired sufficient knowledge of the common branches to enable him to assume the heavier responsibilities of life. Laying aside his school books he gave his entire attention to the work of the farm with which he had been assisting since his early boyhood. He remained a member of the parental household until he had attained his majority, when he felt he was fully qualified to begin his independent career as an agriculturist. He rented some land in the cultivation of which he met with such gratifying success that at the expiration of six years he was able to buy his father's farm. This has ever since been his home and here he engages

in general farming, in addition to which he is a stock raiser and an extensive feeder. He feeds and ships from two to three loads of cattle every year, keeps twenty-five horses and raises from one hundred and fifty to two hundred hogs annually. His occupation has proven to be very lucrative and Mr. Bates has been able to add to his holdings from time to time until he now owns four hundred and forty-five acres in Carlinville and Bird townships, all of it under cultivation and well improved.

It was on the 5th of October, 1882, that Mr. Bates was joined in wedlock to Miss Mattie A. Wilson, a daughter of James and Rebecca (Barr) Wilson, natives of Ireland. The father emigrated to this country in his early manhood, first locating in Pennsylvania, where he worked in the iron mills for many years. From there he went to New York, then to New Jersey, thence to Iowa, having remained for several years in each of these states. He finally came to Macoupin county, buying a farm in Honey Point township that he improved and operated until his death. He passed away on the 2d of March, 1899, his wife having died on the same day twenty years previously. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bates five are living, as follows: Morris, who is twenty-six years of age; Walter, who is twenty-four; Agnes, now a young woman of twenty-two; Byron, who is twenty; and Webster, a youth of thirteen years. The two deceased were Faun, who was born on the 10th of November, 1892 and died five days later; and Harry, who was born on the 25th of July, 1899, and died in December, of the same year.

In religious faith the family are Baptists. His political allegiance Mr. Bates gives to the democratic party, and is now serving as assistant supervisor of Carlinville township, while for twenty-one years he was a school director. A capable business man as well as trustworthy and reliable, Mr. Bates is held in high esteem in his community, where both he and his family have many friends.

WILLIAM P. WALL.

William P. Wall, who is prominently identified with financial circles of Staunton and Macoupin county, was born at Staunton April 18, 1870, and is a member of one of the best known families of this section. His parents were Hon. Hampton W. and Isabella (Roseberry) Wall. The father was for many years one of the most prominent men in the county and was widely known on account of his remarkable business and social qualities. He was born in this county, November 10, 1831, a son of Richard and Lucinda (Camp) Wall. He was the younger of two sons, the name of his brother being Phram. He attended the district schools but his education was acquired principally by contact with the world, as he early was thrown upon his own resources. He engaged in farming and became the owner of a farm in Madison county and also of a general store at New Hampton. At the time of the Civil war he purchased and shipped horses and mules upon an extensive scale and in this business mainly acquired the foundation of his fortune. After locating at Staunton he was identified with the milling business and also for a number of years with the implement business.



W. P. WALL

He entered into partnership with James Taylor in the private banking business under the title of Wall & Taylor. On account of failing health Mr. Taylor withdrew and J. C. Panhorst was admitted to partnership, this association continuing until the death of the senior partner from a murderous assault, August 16, 1898. Mr. Wall was an active worker in behalf of the democratic party and was twice elected to the lower house of the Illinois state legislature and also served four years in the state senate. He filled several local offices of honor and trust and at times appeared as attorney in justices courts.

Mr. Wall was three times married. His first wife was Ellen Roseberry, who died leaving a daughter, now Mrs. Alice M. Ferris, of Missouri. The second wife of Mr. Wall was Isabella Roseberry, a sister of his first wife. Six children were born to this union, namely: Mrs. Elizabeth Godfrey, of Staunton; Charles R., who is a member of the banking firm of Wall & Quade, of Staunton; William P., of this review; Mrs. Harriet Campbell, of St. Louis, Missouri; and two who died in infancy. After the death of the mother of these children Mr. Wall was married to Martha E. Scroggins, who survives her husband and is the mother of three children, Lillian M., Mabel E. and Hampton Grover.

In the public schools of Staunton William P. Wall received his preliminary education. At the age of seventeen he entered Blackburn University at Carlinville, where he pursued a course of study extending over a period of three years. He then returned to Staunton and was employed for a few months by the Staunton Milling Company, then becoming connected with the Consolidated Coal Company of Staunton. After one year's experience at the general office he was sent to a branch office at Mount Olive, continuing there sixteen months. On the 1st of March, 1894, he became associated with his father in the firm of Wall & Panhorst and so continued until after the death of his father when the firm was dissolved. On September 3, 1898, the business was resumed upon a reorganized basis, Mr. Wall and his brother Charles R. being in charge. On December 13, 1901, he purchased his brother's interest and the title of the firm was changed to Wall & Company, Mr. Wall being sole proprietor. On March 1, 1902, he admitted his brother-in-law, Cornelius Godfrey, to partnership and has since been president of the firm while Mr. Godfrey fills the office of cashier. They also own a branch bank at Worden, Illinois, and both of the institutions are in a flourishing condition. Mr. Wall had charge of his father's estate for three years, giving entire satisfaction to all interested. He has shown special adaptability to the banking business and occupies a position close to the front in financial affairs. A good executive officer, he possesses the power of initiative so important in meeting the demands in all departments of modern life, and each year witnesses further development in his field of operations.

On January 8, 1893, Mr. Wall was married to Miss Daisy D. Camp, who was born March 8, 1873, in Montgomery county, Illinois, a daughter of William E. and Mary E. (Shaffer) Camp. The father was born September 25, 1843, and the mother March 3, 1845. Mr. and Mrs. Wall are the parents of three children, Harriet Edith, Helen Isabella and Grace Elizabeth.

Although Mr. Wall is an earnest supporter of the democratic party he has no desire for public office, preferring to devote his energies to business rather than to politics. He is greatly interested in the encouragement of enterprises

that tend to advance the general welfare and promote the permanent interests of his native county and state. Through honorable effort he has gained a position of large responsibility and possesses the unqualified respect and confidence of those who know him. Fraternally he is connected with Staunton Lodge No. 177, A. F. & A. M.

J. P. JONES.

One of the capable and energetic citizens of Staunton is J. P. Jones, who in addition to the discharge of his duties as engineer in the mines is conducting the City House and supervising the cultivation of his one hundred acre farm in this township. He was born in Minstrelly, Shropshire, England, on the 29th of December, 1853, being a son of Richard and Hannah (Crowder) Jones. The parents were natives of the same county and there the father worked in the lead mines until his death in 1865. The mother continued to make her home in her native land until after the death of her son, J. P.'s, first wife when she came to this country to make her home with him. She is now living with her daughter in Girard, Illinois, having attained the venerable age of seventy-nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones were the parents of four sons and two daughters, our subject being the eldest of the family. The other members according to birth are as follows: Martha, the wife of Albert Evans, of Glen Carbon, Illinois; William, who died in England; Thomas, who is also deceased; Sarah, the wife of Frank Naulty, of Girard, Illinois; and Richard, who was killed in the mine at Lebanon, Illinois.

J. P. Jones was reared in the place of his birth, acquiring his education in the common schools. When old enough to begin working he learned to be a hoisting engineer, following this occupation in the mines of England until 1880, when he emigrated to the United States. He first located at Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania, where he remained for a year. At the expiration of that time he removed to Wadsworth, Summit county, Ohio, continuing the same occupation for three years. From there he came to Staunton, where he has ever since continuously worked in the mines. He has always been a thrifty, hard-working man and has acquired one hundred acres of fertile land in this township, that he is cultivating. The place is kept in excellent condition and shows very good improvements, all of which he has brought about, with the exception of the house, which was remodeled.

Mr. Jones has been twice married, his first wife having been Miss Lizzie Davis, to whom he was united in 1876, while living in England, and who passed away sixteen years later. Four children were born to them: Joseph, now an engineer of Staunton; Thomas, who is engaged in farming in Staunton township; Maud, who is living at home; and Mae, a local school teacher. In 1897 Mr. Jones was again married, his choice this time being Mrs. Susan (Strawhun) Snell, the widow of James Snell, by whom she had two daughters: Truda, now Mrs. Anderson; and Bessie, the wife of William Ackers. They are both residing in Staunton. Mrs. Jones is the owner of the City Hotel, which she is now conducting.

The fraternal affiliations of Mr. Jones are confined to his membership in the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance he gives to the republican party and for the past three years he has been a member of the town committee and has been serving on the school board for two. Mr. Jones has many friends in Staunton, his kindly nature, cordial manner and practical ideas making him popular among the business men of the town.

THEODORE H. PREHN.

Theodore H. Prehn, a dealer in lumber and building materials, conducting a prosperous and growing business in Bunker Hill, has long been identified with industrial activities in this community, where he holds rank among the substantial and well known business men. He was born in this town on the 4th of August, 1870, a son of Henry and Rosina (Gehring) Prehn, both natives of Germany, the former of Holstein and the latter of Saxony. They were married, however, in the United States, the father arriving in this country about 1850. He established his first home in Bunker Hill township, Macoupin county, Illinois, and here continued to reside until 1883, in which year he removed to Carlton, Missouri, and there passed away in 1903. Ere leaving the fatherland he had learned the tailor's trade, which he followed until his arrival in America, after which he engaged in contracting and building. He was very successful in this line of activity, possessing much skill and ability, and at the time of his death was the owner of a valuable estate. His wife's death occurred in 1901. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: George, residing in Bunker Hill and serving as assessor of this township; Charles T., of Bosworth, Missouri; Theodore H., of this review; Rena, living in Bunker Hill; Emma, now deceased; and three who passed away in infancy.

No event of special importance came to vary the routine of life for Theodore H. Prehn during the period of his boyhood and youth, which was spent in the acquirement of an education, first in the common schools of Bunker Hill and later in the high school of Carrollton, Missouri. He remained at home until attaining his majority and at the age of twenty-two years returned to Bunker Hill, here engaging in the contracting and building business for a number of years. About eight years ago, however, he opened a yard and began dealing in lumber and building materials, in which venture he has since proved most successful. He possesses good business sense, keeps thoroughly in touch with the lumber market so that he knows where and when to buy to the best advantage and has gained for his enterprise a representative patronage which is constantly increasing in volume and importance. He owns the block which contains his lumber yard and upon which he has a good dwelling, and is numbered among the substantial and prosperous business men of Bunker Hill.

It was on the 21st of November, 1894, that Mr. Prehn was united in marriage to Miss Anna Meinecke, a daughter of F. A. and Anna (Dusold) Meinecke, the former a native of Hanover and the latter of Lichtenfeldt, Germany. Her father

came to the United States in the early '40s and made his way to California where he prospected for gold for a time. Later he came to Bunker Hill and here he passed away in 1890, his wife surviving him, however, until 1907. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Prehn have been born four children: Leslie Edward; Paul W., deceased; Francis J., and Theodore O. All are at home.

Mr. Prehn gives his political support to the republican party, but the honors and emoluments of office have never held attraction for him, preferring rather to concentrate his energies and attention upon his business interests. He has made good use of opportunities that have arisen and in their wise utilization has met with a degree of prosperity which is at once creditable and substantial.

DERASTUS KING.

Derastus King, who has been operating the Sunny Home Stock Farm for the past ten years, was born in Dayton, Newton county, Missouri, on the 20th of February, 1873. His parents were James O. and Mary Eliza (Fones) King, the father a native of Macoupin county, Illinois, and the mother of New York. James O. King was reared in this county and at the age of twenty-one he enlisted for three months' service in the Union army. At the expiration of that period he re-enlisted in Company A, Eighty-first Illinois Regiment and served all during the Civil war. He had the misfortune to be wounded twice, being shot in the leg at one time and at another in the lungs. After the war he went to Missouri and worked in the lead mines for ten years. In 1879 he came to Macoupin county, settling on J. P. Cline's farm, which he cultivated for sixteen years, then he removed to another place, where he continued to follow agricultural pursuits until 1902, when he retired. From that time until his death on the 3d of December, 1904, he made his home in Carlinville. He was sixty-five years of age at the time of his demise; Mrs. King had preceded him, dying in 1891 at the young age of forty-two years.

Derastus King was reared in Macoupin county, attending Oak Hills school on the Bunker Hill road in the acquirement of his education. After obtaining a practical knowledge of the common branches, he gave his undivided attention to the work of the farm, remaining with his parents until he was twenty-two. After his marriage he farmed as a renter for a year, then went to Chicago and worked in a foundry for two years. Returning to Macoupin county he entered the employment of C. A. Walker, editor of one of the papers, for whom he worked by the month for a year. He returned to Chicago and teamed for a year, following which he once more located on a farm in this county. At the end of a year he rented the Sunny Home Stock Farm of C. A. Walker and has ever since been engaged in its operation. Mr. King has met with very good success in his undertakings and has raised about fifty head of hogs per year and has kept twelve horses. He recently purchased property in Zion City, Illinois, to which he intends to move in the fall of 1911.

On the 20th of November, 1893, Mr. King was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Davis, a native of Hancock county, Kentucky, in which state she was

reared and educated. Mrs. King is a daughter of Newton and Hulda (Morgan) Davis, also natives of the Blue Grass state, where the father spent his entire life, devoting his energies to the tobacco culture. The mother, now fifty-six years of age, is a resident of Zion City, Illinois. To Mr. and Mrs. King have been born two children: George Calvin, who is seven years of age; and Sophia May, who is but thirteen months old.

Mr. and Mrs. King attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal church, but are not affiliated with any denomination. Politically Mr. King is a republican, but has never been an aspirant to public office.

GEORGE O. GRAY.

George O. Gray, who has long been identified with the agricultural interests of Macoupin county, has for the past fourteen years been successfully conducting a general store in Womac. He was born in Shaws Point township on the 7th of April, 1858, and is a son of John and Nancy (Quick) Gray, natives of Indiana. The father came to this county in the early days and entered some government land that he improved and cultivated. Later he disposed of this and bought another farm in Shaws Point township, that he was cultivating when he died in 1860. He was long survived by his wife who passed away in 1904.

Shaws Point township is endeared to George O. Gray not only by the associations of his boyhood and youth, but those of later life as well, always having been his home. The district schools provided him with a very good understanding of the common branches, while at the same time he was acquiring a knowledge of agricultural methods. As soon as he was old enough he became self-supporting, his first business venture being the operation of a farm that he rented for two years. At the expiration of that period he removed to a place that had been left to him by his father and in the cultivation and improvement of which he has ever since been engaged. He has added to this until now it contains one hundred and nine acres of land, that is under a good state of cultivation, always having been given careful attention and capable supervision. On the 1st of July, 1897, Mr. Gray opened a general store in Womac which he has ever since been conducting in connection with his agricultural operations. He has a large and well selected stock of merchandise and as his is the only establishment of the kind in the village, he enjoys a most excellent patronage.

For his wife and helpmate Mr. Gray chose Miss Rosie Jackson, to whom he was married on the 20th of February, 1883. Mrs. Gray is a daughter of Joel and Mollie (Glover) Jackson, natives of Tennessee whence they came to Illinois, locating in Macoupin county during the pioneer period. Here the father engaged in farming until 1910, when he retired and is now making his home with his son, a farmer in Shaws Point township. He is now seventy years of age, as was also his wife, who passed away on the 28th of April, 1911. To Mr. and Mrs. Gray have been born three children: George Truman, who passed away on the 9th

of October, 1903; Elvis, who died in infancy; and Eva Pearl, who is eight years of age.

Mrs. Gray is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, which Mr. Gray also attends. His political views accord with the principles of the republican party, for whose candidates he always casts his ballot. He has served as township assessor and for thirteen and one-half years was postmaster of Womac. The intelligent direction and supervision of his various activities has enabled Mr. Gray to attain the plane of affluence on the ladder of success, and in addition to his fine homestead he owns the building in which he conducts his business and several residential properties in Womac.

WILLIAM E. P. ANDERSON.

A successful and influential member of the Macoupin county bar is William E. P. Anderson, who has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Carlinville for forty years. He was born at Shaws Point township, this county, on the 31st of May, 1850, being a son of Erasmus S. and Mary E. (Hogan) Anderson, natives of Kentucky. The Anderson family have been residents in America since 1744, when they located in Virginia to the interests of which colony they were ever loyal and stanch, valiantly participating in the war of the Revolution. The paternal grandfather, Colonel James Campbell Anderson, was a native of Virginia, but was one of the pioneer settlers of Kentucky. The maternal grandfather, Isaac Hogan, was a native of the Blue Grass state.

Left an orphan at the age of fifteen months, William E. P. Anderson was reared by his uncle, Crittenden H. C. Anderson, who was also his guardian. His boyhood and youth were spent in the country, his elementary education being obtained in the district schools. He attended the public school of Carlinville, both Blackburn and Illinois Wesleyan Universities; also a private school at Philadelphia. Having decided to adopt the profession of law for his vocation, in 1870 he entered the office of John Mayo Palmer, where he assiduously applied himself to his studies preparatory to his examination for admission to the bar. In 1871 he went into the office of the Honorable W. R. Welch, who subsequently became a judge of the circuit court, where he continued his studies until admitted to the bar on the 31st of August, 1871. He remained in Mr. Welch's office until June of the following year when he opened an office of his own in the building where he is still located. Mr. Anderson has been very successful in his practice and has quite extensive realty interests, owning a couple of fine farms near Carlinville.

Bloomington, Illinois, was the scene of the marriage of Mr. Anderson on the 23d of October, 1873, to Miss Nellie Douglas Hamilton, a daughter of John and Rebecca (Pritchard) Hamilton, natives of Ohio. The Hamiltons are one of the old American families, having located here during colonial days, many of their members having participated in the Revolution. To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were born three children, namely: William Hamilton, a resident of Baltimore, Maryland, who married Miss Clarice Otwell and has two children, Frederick

Otwell and Elinor ; Crittenden H. C., of Prairie Home, Texas, who married Miss Nellie Patchen and has two children, Walter E. P. and Crittenden H. C., Jr. ; and Walter Stratton, a lieutenant in the United States navy, who married Miss Virginia Ewing.

Mrs. Anderson holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, while fraternally Mr. Anderson is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, his local affiliation being with Carlinville Lodge, No. 107, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all of the chairs. He served ten years as its representative in the Grand Lodge and is at present, and has been for the past seven years, a member of the judiciary and appeals committee of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias, being a member of Orient Lodge, No. 95, K. of P., having filled all of the chairs in this latter order, served two years as its representative in the Grand Lodge also. His connection with organizations of a more purely social nature is confined to his membership in the Sangamon Club of Springfield and the Rinaker Fishing & Pleasure Club. His political prerogatives Mr. Anderson exercises in support of the men and measures of the democratic party. He has always taken quite a prominent part in all municipal affairs, his first official connection with the local government being in the capacity of city attorney in 1874 and 1875. Two years later he was elected to the board of supervisors of which he was a member at the time of the courthouse litigation, when the proposition to compromise the debt was accepted by bondholders and creditors. In 1887 Mr. Anderson was appointed master in chancery by Judge Welch, to which office he was reappointed by Judge Philips, Fouke, Creighton and Shirley, covering a period of twelve years in this connection. He has more than a local reputation both professionally and politically, and in 1884 represented his congressional district on the Democratic state central committee. Educational matters have always enlisted the personal interest of Mr. Anderson and for ten years he was a most efficient member of the board of education, during one year of that time acting as president of the board. He was one of the organizers of the Carlinville Building Association, of which he has always been a director and stockholder, recognizing the great value of such an organization to the community. Mr. Anderson is one of the representative citizens of Carlinville in the progress and development of which he has been a prominent factor, ever having given his assistance and co-operation in promoting every movement that would in any way advance the best interests of the community at large.

PETER SCHNEIDER.

One of Macoupin county's best known German citizens is Peter Schneider, a retired farmer of Shipman, who spent three years on the battlefields of the south defending the flag of his adopted country. Born in Germany on the 31st of July, 1832, his parents were John and Margaret Schneider, who made their home during their entire lives in the old country, where the father was engaged in farming.

The first twenty-two years of his life Peter Schneider passed under the shelter of the parental roof in the fatherland, in whose common schools he was educated

while being trained in agricultural methods by his father. In common with the majority of Germany's citizens of that time after laying aside his text-books, he decided to learn a trade and settled upon that of shoemaking. From his earliest boyhood he had been attracted toward America, believing that here he would find conditions more conducive to success and progress than in the land of his birth. He carefully saved a portion of his meager earnings until he had accumulated the necessary passage money and crossed the Atlantic to New York. He arrived in the United States in January, 1854, and for two years thereafter continued to reside in New York city, working on the New York Central Railroad. At the expiration of that period he went to New Orleans, where he was living at the breaking out of the Civil war. He made his way northward to St. Louis where he followed his trade for a short time and came on to Shipman. Upon his arrival in this county he invested his little capital in land, in the cultivation of which he had hardly started, when he enlisted in Company F, Twenty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He remained at the front for three years, being mustered out at Springfield, Illinois. While in the service he participated in many fiercely contested battles and sharp skirmishes, among them being the battles of Murfreesboro, Belmont and Columbus. After his discharge, Mr. Schneider returned to his little farm and from that time until his retirement gave his undivided attention to general farming and stock-raising in this county.

Mr. Schneider has never married. He gives his allegiance to the Roman Catholic church, of which he has been a communicant since his early youth and in politics he is a republican. Although he has ever been loyal to the principles of his party and the nation of his adoption, he has never taken a prominent part in political activities, having given his entire attention to the development of his personal interests, in which he has met with gratifying success.

THOMAS HARRIS CHERRY.

Thomas Harris Cherry, who for many years has been prominently identified with the agricultural and stock interests of Macoupin county, was born in this county on the 17th of July, 1854. He is a son of Thomas C. and Elizabeth (Smith) Cherry, the father a native of Tennessee and the mother of Kentucky. The father located in this county prior to 1830, settling on a farm in the vicinity of Scottsville, whence he later removed to Girard. In 1855 he established a machine and blacksmith shop in the latter place, which he conducted for five years. Withdrawing from this business in 1860 he engaged in the buying and selling of live stock until 1891, at which time he passed away.

In the acquirement of his education Thomas Harris Cherry attended the public schools of Girard until he was sixteen years of age. In 1870 he entered the employ of his father, who took him into partnership when he attained his majority five years later. The business was thereafter conducted under the firm name of Cherry & Son, until after the death of his father, when Mr. Cherry took William T. Coverdill into partnership with him. They have ever since operated under the name of Cherry & Company, Joseph Coverdill, a son of William Cover-

dill, having been a member of the company since 1902. In addition to his interests in Girard, Mr. Cherry still engages in agricultural pursuits and is now running a large stock farm in Girard township. He is one of the affluent citizens of the county and besides his various other interests is one of the stockholders and vice-president of the People's Bank of Girard.

In 1877 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Cherry and Miss Adela Post, of Virden township, a daughter of U. S. and Hannah (Clayton) Post, old residents of Illinois. To Mr. and Mrs. Cherry have been born two sons and two daughters, who are living, namely: Alfred, who married Miss Jessie Talkinton and has two daughters, Aline and Eveline; Clarence Smith, who married Miss Prudence Church; and Elizabeth and Adela, both of whom are unmarried and still at home.

The family all affiliate with the Baptist church, in the work of which they take an active part, Mr. Cherry having been a deacon and treasurer of the church for many years. His political support he always gives to the prohibition party, thus voicing his views on the temperance question. His father was also a prohibitionist and carried the mayoralty vote by a majority of one when Girard became a temperance town under its new charter. Mr. Cherry has never very prominently participated in municipal affairs, but he has represented the second ward in the town council for two terms, and for several years he was a school director. He has high ideals of citizenship and gives his hearty support and cooperation to every movement which is advanced for the betterment of the community, either intellectual or moral.

GEORGE W. WOOD.

Agricultural pursuits have always engaged the attention of George W. Wood, who now operates and resides upon the farm where his birth occurred on the 5th of November, 1853. His parents were David B. and Mary A. (Clanton) Wood, the father a native of Cumberland county, Kentucky, and the mother of Wilkes county, North Carolina. David B. Wood migrated from his native state to Illinois locating on the farm where his son now resides on the 16th of June, 1831, continuing to make that his home until his demise in January, 1898. He was one of the successful farmers of Macoupin county and at the time of his death owned three hundred acres of excellent land, all of which he had brought to a high state of cultivation. His property was thoroughly cared for and well improved, the fine brick dwelling now occupied by his son having been erected by the father in 1875. The mother came to Illinois in 1829, locating in Greenville. She passed away on the 25th of July, 1897, and was laid to rest in the Wood cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Wood there were born three children, two sons and one daughter: Alfred, now residing in Hilland, South Dakota; Emily, the wife of J. P. Hilyard, living in Bunker Hill township; and George W., our subject.

The first twenty-three years in the life of George W. Wood were spent under the parental roof, the district schools in the vicinity of his home providing him with his education. After finishing his studies he turned his entire attention toward the cultivation of the farm, his efforts in this direction being under the

supervision of his father. Having thoroughly familiarized himself with the practical methods of agriculture, he purchased, after his marriage, a farm of forty acres in Hilyard township. He met with such success in the cultivation of this farm that he was later able to buy another fifty acres in Brighton township. General farming engages his attention and his efforts have been rewarded in a most substantial manner. He now also owns the old homestead of eighty acres.

At the age of twenty-three Mr. Wood established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Ida M. Warner, and to them have been born nine children, as follows: Ira, who is living in Brighton township; Oren C., a resident of Woodburn, Illinois; Iva, the wife of Marshall Webb, of Brighton township; and Archie, Guy, Myrtle, Ethel, Ida and Martha, all of whom are still at home.

In the exercise of his political prerogatives Mr. Wood casts his ballot for the candidates of the democratic party. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, of which he has been a member for twenty-six years, being identified with the lodge at Bunker Hill, Illinois; he also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Wood is one of the capable business men and prosperous agriculturists of his community, where he is held in high regard.

CHARLES CASPER TERRY.

A well known member of the legal fraternity of Macoupin county is Charles Casper Terry, who was born in this county on the 1st of October, 1864, and is a son of Robert Norton and Talitha Ann (Morrell) Terry, natives of Illinois. The Terry family originally came from the island of Corsica, and Robert Norton Terry is a son of Isaac Terry, a veteran of the Black Hawk war. Mrs. Terry is a descendant of one of the colonial families of Maine, her father, John L. Morrell, having been a son of David Morrell, Jr., and a grandson of David Morrell.

Charles Casper Terry was reared in this county, obtaining his preliminary education in the country schools in the vicinity of his father's farm, after the completion of which he attended the high school at Virden, being graduated in 1883. After laying aside his text-books he engaged in teaching during winter months, while in summer he worked as a farm hand. Thus he acquired the means to enable him to attend Illinois College for a time and he also spent a few months in the Western Normal College. Having decided to adopt the profession of law for his life vocation in 1890 he came to Girard and read law in the office of E. C. Knotts. In 1893 he was admitted to the bar of Illinois, continuing in the office of Mr. Knotts, who took him into partnership in August, 1894. They were associated in practice for eleven years. During the period of his practice he has succeeded in building up a very good clientele, giving special attention to title and corporation law and the promotion of large deals in farm and coal lands.

At Carlinville Mr. Terry and Miss Nellie B. Carter were married on the 1st of November, 1894. Mrs. Terry is a daughter of Byron L. and Mary (Crain) Carter, natives of Illinois and a granddaughter of Orrin Carter and John A. Crain. The Carter family were originally from Connecticut, Mrs. Orrin Carter being a member of the famous Barnum family of that state. To Mr. and Mrs.

Terry have been born two children, a son and a daughter, Robert Byron and Mary Ann.

Fraternally Mr. Terry is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and politically he supports the democratic party. Although he takes an active interest in all municipal and governmental matters, he has never been a candidate for office.

JOHN CLAUSE.

Few residents of Macoupin county are more deserving of mention in this work than John Clause whose farm near Virden represents many years of conscientious effort and yields to him a handsome annual revenue. A native son of Illinois, he was born near Chatham, Sangamon county, April 29, 1866, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (McCray) Clause. The father was born in Prussia, Germany, and the mother in Ireland. He came to America in 1844 and settled near Chatham, Illinois, where he acquired one hundred acres of land and engaged successfully in general farming and stock-raising. In his family were four children: Elizabeth, deceased; John; Joseph, who makes his home in Oklahoma; and James, a resident of Rawlins, Wyoming. The mother of our subject was twice married, her first union being with a Mr. McCarthy. By her first marriage she had two children: William, who now lives at Rawlins, Wyoming; and a daughter who remained in the old country.

John Clause was reared on the home place and in the common schools secured the rudiments of an education. At twenty-one years of age, desirous of becoming independent, he rented one hundred acres of good land and for fifteen years hired a family to keep house for him, during this period making steady advancement in his calling. At the end of the time named he purchased the old home place which he cultivated for four years and then disposed of, buying one hundred and sixty acres in Macoupin county where he established his permanent homestead. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and being a man of clear judgment and great perseverance he has gained an enviable place as one of the prosperous farmers of this section.

On January 13, 1892, Mr. Clause was married to Miss Ella Case, a daughter of Lauren and Mary (Sterling) Case. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Case were eight children, namely: Maria, who married Benjamin Pearman, of Litchfield, Illinois; Ella, now Mrs. John Clause; Myron, deceased; Ann, who is the wife of Joseph Crawford, of Oklahoma; Elbert and Otis, both of whom reside in Montgomery county, Illinois; Clara, now Mrs. Thomas Seaburn, of North Dakota; and Cora, the wife of John Weidman, of Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. Clause are the parents of eight children, namely: Edgar Le Roy, who was born March 5, 1895; Mary Elizabeth, born July 1, 1896; Lauren Russell, April 15, 1897; Lola Pearl, January 25, 1900; Inez Edna, April 18, 1902; John Arthur, June 19, 1904; Nellie Louise, August 10, 1906; and an infant born October 9, 1911.

Mr. Clause has from his youth upward been industrious and enterprising and has so directed his energies as to produce gratifying results. He is known throughout this region as a good business man and citizen and the general re-

spect in which he is held is a just tribute to his integrity and personal worth. In politics he adheres to the democratic party and in religious belief to the Baptist church. Socially he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Anti-Horse Thief Association.

THEODORE CHRISTIAN LOEHR.

Theodore Christian Loehr, for more than thirty years identified with the commercial interests of Carlinville, during which time he has been conducting a drug store, was born in this city on the 30th of September, 1862. He is of German extraction, his parents John Christopher and Friederika (Knabner) Loehr both being natives of that country. The father emigrated to the United States in 1857 locating in Carlinville, where he and his wife continue to make their home. In the early years of his residence here he became associated with W. H. Steinmeyer in the general mercantile business, with whom he was connected for several years, and later was alone in the business until his retirement in 1907. He has always been one of the public-spirited, enterprising and progressive citizens, who has interested himself very largely in advancing the community in every way possible. To Mr. and Mrs. John Loehr were born seven children, who are living, while they also have twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The members of their immediate family are as follows: Paulina, now Mrs. William Surman, who has eight children; Adolph; Theodore C., our subject; Gustav; Mathilda, the wife of Emil Johnson, who has two children; Theresa; and Ida. The family all attend the Lutheran church of which the parents are earnest members, Mr. Loehr being a deacon. He has always taken an active interest in municipal affairs and represented the second ward in the city council at one time. His long period of residence here entitles him to membership in the Old Settlers Club by means of which he maintains relations with those with whom he shared the hardships and privations of pioneer life. He and his wife together with the younger members of their family live in one of the many pleasant residences of Carlinville, among whose citizens they number many friends.

The Lutheran parochial, public and high schools of Carlinville provided Theodore Christian Loehr with such educational advantages as he enjoyed, after the completion of which he began his commercial career. In 1878 he entered the employ of T. H. Steinmeyer, a druggist of this city, with whom he remained for two years, at the end of which time he went to St. Louis. There he entered the College of Pharmacy, from which institution he was awarded his degree with the class of 1882. During the ensuing two years he followed his profession in a pharmacy in St. Louis, and returning to Carlinville purchased the drug store of Robertson & Glass. He has one of the best equipped and modern pharmacies in the county, and enjoys an excellent patronage.

At St. Louis Mr. Loehr married Miss Minnie Steinmeyer, a daughter of David and Christina (Kinner) Steinmeyer, residents of that city but natives of

Germany. Mr. Loehr passed away in 1901, leaving two children, Theodore Edwin and Adele Marie.

Fraternally Mr. Loehr is identified with the Knights of Pythias, being a member of Orient Lodge, No. 95, K. of P. He also belongs to the Macoupin Club and Macoupin County Fair Association. He maintains relations with his profession through the medium of his membership in the American Pharmaceutical Association and the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association, having at one time been president of the latter organization. He is president of the Macoupin Telephone & Telegraph Company, and holds the same office on the Carlinville Cemetery Board, while he is one of the trustees of Blackburn University. Politically he is a democrat and has served in various public capacities, having been alderman from the second ward for one term, 1889 to 1891, and a member of the board of education for six years. He is one of the estimable citizens and highly respected business men of Carlinville, whose success must be largely attributed to his upright principles and standard of integrity.

OLIVER M. BEEBE.

Oliver M. Beebe, who has been for twenty-three years devoting his energies to the cultivation of his homestead on section 21, Hilyard township, was born in Delhi, Jersey county, Illinois, on the 26th of April, 1840. His parents were David and Catharine (Power) Beebe, the father a native of New York state and the mother of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but of Irish extraction. The maternal grandfather, William Power was a native of Waterford county, Ireland, whence he emigrated to America during the later colonial days, settling in Pennsylvania. He was an officer of the United States navy and participated in the second war with Great Britain in 1812. David Beebe, for many years a tea merchant as well as an importer of tea and coffee in Philadelphia, came to Illinois in 1833. He located on a farm in Jersey county, where for many years he engaged in agricultural pursuits. Upon his retirement he returned to Philadelphia and there he passed away. He also was a veteran of the war of 1812. The mother survived for some years thereafter, her demise occurring in St. Louis, Missouri. To Mr. and Mrs. Beebe were born ten children, six sons and four daughters, all but four members of the family now being deceased. Those living are as follows: Mrs. Adeline Black, the eldest, who is a resident of this county; Mrs. Mary Umberline, who lives in St. Louis, Missouri; Frank, who is also a resident of St. Louis; and our subject, Oliver M. Beebe.

The boyhood and youth of Oliver M. Beebe were spent on the parental farm in Jersey county, where he acquired his preliminary knowledge of agricultural methods and stock-raising. His education was limited to the advantages afforded in the district schools in the vicinity of his home. He worked for his father until old enough to start out for himself, then came to Macoupin county and engaged in farming. It was from this county he enlisted during the Civil war, going to the front in 1861 as a member of Company D of the Mississippi Marine Brigade. He was in the service for a year, receiving his discharge

at Vicksburg, Mississippi, in 1862. His regiment was stationed along the Mississippi for the purpose of keeping the river open to traffic, and in the discharge of their duties they were drawn into a number of notable conflicts. After being mustered out he returned to his agricultural pursuits in Macoupin county, where he has ever since continuously resided. Twenty-three years ago Mr. Beebe purchased his present homestead, one of the well improved and cultivated properties of the vicinity.

In 1880 Mr. Beebe's plans for a home of his own had their culmination in his marriage to Miss Lydia Gray, who was born in Madison county, Illinois, on the 15th of February, 1854. Mrs. Beebe is a daughter of James and Martha (Janes) Gray, the father being a native of West Virginia and the mother of Indiana. James Gray came to Illinois during the pioneer days, locating in Sangamon county in 1827. There he engaged in farming for several years, then came to Macoupin county and after remaining here for a brief period removed to Madison county. He farmed in the latter county for a short time but subsequently returned to Macoupin county, continuing to live here until his demise at the age of ninety-three years in 1897. The mother passed away in 1881.

Of the thirteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Gray only two, besides Mrs. Beebe, are living: Hillary and Thomas, both of whom are farming in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Beebe have one son, James, who is living at home. The parents as well as the son hold membership in the Baptist church, among whose congregation Mr. and Mrs. Beebe number many stanch friends of long years' standing.

HENRY C. HEINZ.

One of the oldest enterprises of Carlinville is the furniture and undertaking establishment of H. C. Heinz & Brother, which was founded by their father over fifty years ago. The senior partner of the firm, Henry C. Heinz, was born in this city on the 14th of December, 1861, and is a son of the late Peter and Johanna (Knabner) Heinz, natives of Germany. His paternal grandfather, Henry Heinz, spent his entire life in that country. He was a glass blower by trade and for many years conducted a factory at Klein, Dettau, Bavaria, where he passed away at the age of seventy-seven years. In early manhood he married Miss Morgenthum, and to them were born five children, namely, Andreas, Wilhelm, Peter, Christina and Fredericke.

Peter Heinz, the father of our subject, was reared and educated in his native land and there learned the cabinetmaker's trade. It was in 1852 that he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and located in the vicinity of Chesterfield, Illinois, where for a year he worked by the month as a farm hand. At the expiration of that time he felt that he had acquired a sufficient knowledge of the language and customs of the country to become more independent and, coming to Carlinville, he worked at his trade for some time and also devoted considerable attention to carpenter work and contracting. He was a skilled mechanic and soon gave evidence of his ability as a workman as well as his trustworthiness and reliability in business affairs. Many contracts were awarded him and he erected a

number of business blocks and private residences in Carlinville but, preferring cabinet work, he later devoted his entire attention to that occupation. Locating on West Main street, he began the manufacture of furniture and coffins by hand and at one time employed four journeymen, all master workmen. At that time walnut was the favored wood and he obtained his material from the farmers who brought him the logs which he had cut in accordance with his requirements. He continued in that business until 1883, when he was succeeded by his sons, Charles G. and Henry C. In early manhood he married Johanna Knabner, a daughter of George and Ernestina (Karlin) Knabner, who emigrated to America and located in Carlinville, Illinois, in 1854. Two years later they erected the residence in which they spent the remainder of their lives and it is now occupied by their grandsons. The death of both occurred in the same summer and they were laid to rest in the city cemetery. Mr. Knabner was a miller by trade and prior to his emigration to this country conducted a grist and sawmill at Langennau. In his family were seven children: Johanna, who became Mrs. Heinz; Fredericke, now Mrs. Loehr, of Carlinville; Theresa, the wife of A. E. Sander, of St. Louis; Edward, also a resident of St. Louis; Charles, of Seattle, Washington; Anton, of Carlinville; and Christian, who died in Texas. The family were all reared in the faith of the Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Heinz had six sons and one daughter: Fredericke, the wife of John Kistner; Charles G.; Theodore, who died in infancy; Henry C.; Albert A.; Adolph, who died at the age of eleven years; and Gustav. All were confirmed in the German Lutheran church, of which the parents were earnest members. The mother died in December, 1904, and the father passed away the following year, both being seventy-eight years of age at the time of their deaths.

The boyhood and youth of Henry C. Heinz were largely devoted to the acquirement of an education, in pursuit of which he attended the parochial school for six years and subsequently the public and high schools, while later he pursued his studies at Blackburn University. After the completion of his education he entered his father's store, which he and his brother Charles subsequently purchased, Gustav also having an interest in the business.

On the 12th of November, 1892, Mr. Heinz married Miss Matilda Heinemeyer, a daughter of Christopher and Carolina (Volger) Heinemeyer. She is also a native of Carlinville, but her parents were born in Braunschweig, Germany, emigrating to the United States and locating in Carlinville in 1856. Here both passed away. Eight children were born of their marriage who attained maturity: Minnie; Caroline; Matilda, now Mrs. Heinz; Louis; Henry; Lucy; Walter; and Flora. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Heinz was Henry Heinemeyer, and he was the father of three sons and two daughters. Her maternal grandfather, Anton Ludwig Volger, was a miller by trade. Together with his wife and family he emigrated to the United States locating in Madison county, Illinois. His family numbered five daughters and one son. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Heinz there has been born one son, Peter Henry.

The family belong to the Lutheran church, and fraternally Mr. Heinz is affiliated with the Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M. Politically he is a democrat and has been a member of the school board. Although he is public-spirited and takes an earnest interest in all municipal affairs, he has never born

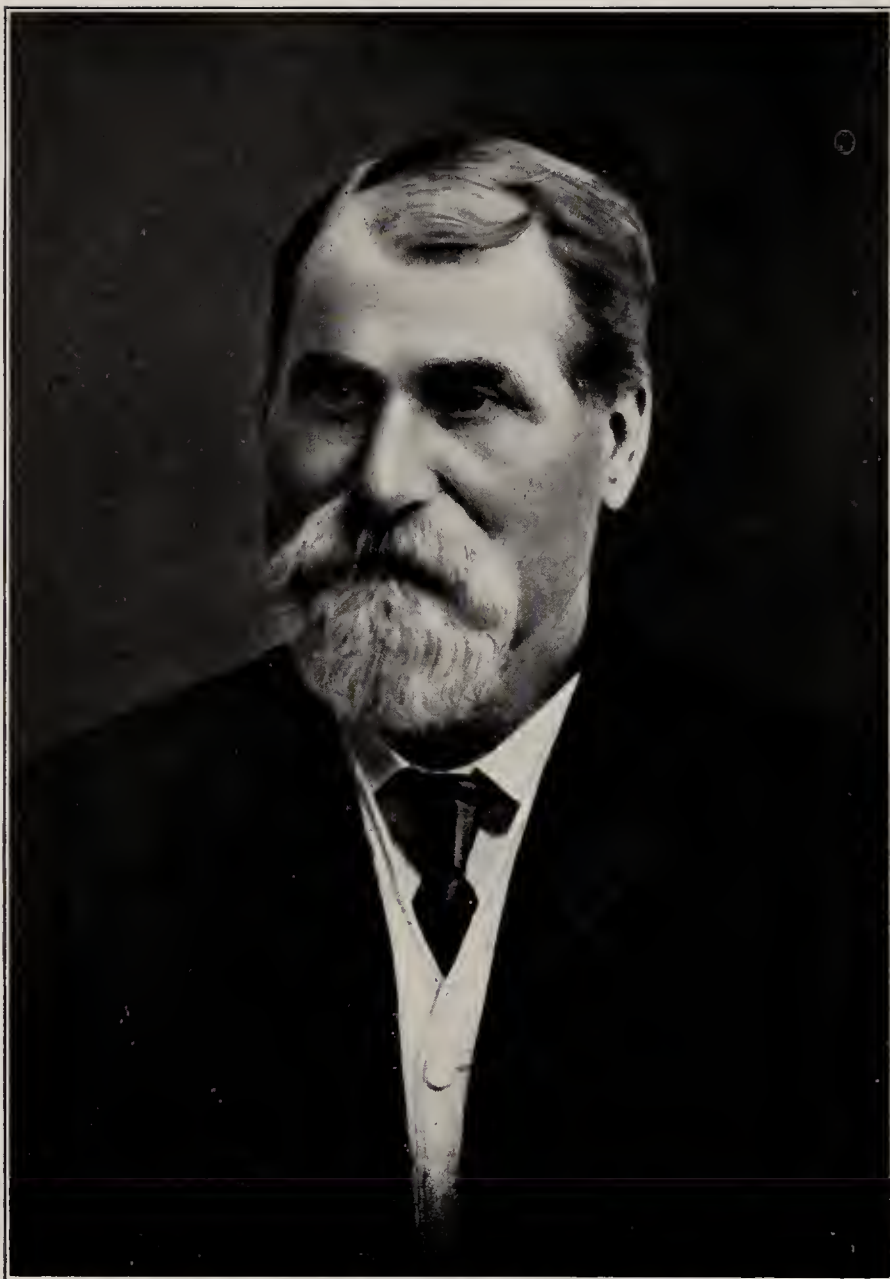
as prominent a factor in civic life as his father, who was many times called to positions of trust in the township and county. Peter Heinz was held in high esteem as a public official and gave most efficient service as county coroner and treasurer, while he was several times elected mayor of Carlinville and also filled some of the minor offices. The family and its various members have always been held in the highest esteem in Macoupin county, their honorable and upright business methods as well as their earnest and conscientious fulfillment of all responsibilities, both public and private, having won them the respect of all with whom they come in contact.

THOMAS BARNETT REAMES.

The late Thomas Barnett Reames, although a native of the Blue Grass state, had been a resident of Macoupin county from his boyhood. His birth occurred in Grayson county, Kentucky, on the 12th of February, 1838, his parents being Jesse and Cynthia (Peebles) Reames, who were also natives of Kentucky and were of Irish extraction. The father was a son of the Rev. Robert Reames, a noted divine. In the early '40s Jesse Reames removed with his family to Illinois, settling in the vicinity of Carlinville, where he engaged in farming. To him and his wife were born nine children: Martha, the wife of Hardin Weatherford of Litchfield, Illinois; Viann, who became the wife of David Creamer, of Carlinville, Illinois, but both are now deceased, she having passed away in July, 1911; Jonathan, who died at the age of two years; William, who was drowned at the age of twenty-one years; Emily, who became the wife of M. F. Wagner, of Moultrie county, Illinois; Thomas, of this review; Mary, who became the wife of David Ashbaugh, both deceased; Lucinda, the wife of David Hyler, of Moultrie county, Illinois; and Elizabeth, who married John Cleaver, also of Moultrie county. The father died in September, 1879, and the mother April 11, 1896.

Thomas Barnett Reames was reared and educated in Macoupin county, where he practically spent his entire life. When the call came for volunteers, in the early days of the Civil war, he responded enlisting and going to the front as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Illinois Infantry. He spent three years in the service of his country, participating in a number of important battles, and was mustered out at Springfield. When he returned home he devoted his attention to painting, which trade he continued to follow for a few years. He afterward took up the occupation of farming, devoting his energies thereto until 1901, when he retired from active life and removed to Virden, where he resided until his death.

Mr. Reames was twice married, his first wife having been Miss Elizabeth Wagoner, who became the mother of two children: Annie, who first married J. S. Tucker and for her second husband married Jesse Durham and is living in Virden; and one who died in infancy. Mr. Reames' second wife was Miss Nancy J. Wright, whom he married on the 5th of September, 1869. She was a daughter of Preston and Susan (Dawson) Wright, who were natives of Kentucky. She



T. B. REAMES



MRS. T. B. REAMES

was a lineal descendant of Thomas Dawson, a gunsmith and carpenter, who had the first plank floor in Winchester, Virginia. Their famous ancestor is the Dawson of Normandy, who followed the standard of William the Conqueror to England in 1066 as one of his companions in arms. Thomas Dawson's father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war under General Greene and held high office in the army. He settled in Bedford county, Virginia. He married Nancy Fitzhugh, a representative of the Fitzhugh family of English ancestry. She was born August 4, 1794, and was a daughter of Peter Fitzhugh, who was a soldier under General Greene in the war for independence. Several of the Fitzhugh family have been officers in the Mexican and Civil wars. It was in Hart county, Kentucky, that Preston Wright and Susan Dawson were married, where Mr. Wright engaged in farming until 1849. He then removed with his family to the vicinity of Virden, Illinois, and, entering land from the government, again concentrated his time and attention upon the work of tilling the soil, in which he was very successful, becoming the owner of over six hundred acres of valuable land, from which he derived a substantial and gratifying income. In 1882 he retired from active life and removed to Virden, where he spent his remaining days in the enjoyment of well earned rest, his death occurring in 1888. He had long survived his first wife, Mrs. Susan Wright, who had passed away in October, 1865. Two years afterward, in 1867, he had married Mrs. Louisa Rhodes, a widow who died in 1893. Preston Wright was a democrat in his political views but never cared for office. Fraternally he was connected with the Masons and his religious faith was that of the Methodist church, in which he held membership. To Preston and Susan (Dawson) Wright were born thirteen children: Nancy J., now the widow of Thomas B. Reames; David A., deceased, who was a banker of Louisburg, Kansas; Sarah F., the wife of James Walden, of Oklahoma; Carter, who has passed away; Mary M., who is the widow of James Gibson and lives in Des Moines, Iowa; a daughter who died in infancy; Malinda, the wife of Benjamin Atterbury, of Missouri; Phœbe, who has also passed away; Thomas B., a minister of Rochester, Illinois; Almira, deceased; a son who died in infancy; Fana A., deceased; and Carrie, also deceased. Of this family Thomas B. Wright was the father of Mary Wright Pease, the wife of Kingsley Pease, who went as a foreign missionary to Singapore, Malayasia, in 1901. She died eighteen months later but her life while there was a most wonderful success, winning hundreds of boys and girls to Christ. The natives still worship at her tomb because of their great love for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Reames were the parents of six children; only one of them is now living, Stella M., who for five years was a teacher in the public schools. Those deceased are: Granville P.; Preston Allen; William A.; Louisa Jane (Dolly), who became the wife of John Wiley, Jr., of Girard, August 29, 1900, and died June 16, 1909, at Fort Collins, Colorado, leaving one daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born March 20, 1906; and Leona. The surviving daughter, Stella, became the wife of Amos Shutt, of Virden, who was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, June 20, 1868, and is a son of Jacob W. and Susan (Gates) Shutt, both of whom were natives of Kentucky, but at an early day became residents of Sangamon county, where they resided until their deaths. Amos Shutt attended school in that county and there engaged in farming for about fifteen years, but in 1901 removed to Virden, where he clerked in a grocery store for several years.

He is now employed by the Darlington Lumber Company of Virden. On the 27th of December, 1893, he married Stella Reames and to them have been born two children: Adra Lillian, born November 9, 1896; and Viva Gladys, November 7, 1903.

The death of Mr. Reames occurred on the 1st of September, 1906, and he was laid to rest in the cemetery at Virden. He was a member of the Methodist church, to which his widow belongs, and fraternally he was connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political support was given to the democratic party, until the prohibition party was organized, when he became one of its stanch advocates, and, although he was never an office seeker, he met the requirements of good citizenship by casting his ballot at the elections in support of the principles in which he believed. He was loyal to every movement which he regarded as of benefit to the community and his aid and co-operation could ever be counted upon to further any project for the public good. His life was, indeed, honorable and upright in all of its connections and during the long period of his residence in Macoupin county he not only won the high regard of those with whom he came in closer contact but also the warm friendship and affection of many fellow citizens.

DAVID E. WHEAT.

David E. Wheat, who has been representing the Union Dairy Company, of St. Louis in Medora for the past nine years, belongs to one of Indiana's pioneer families. His birth occurred in the vicinity of Shelbyville, that state, on the 3d of December, 1869, his parents being Richard and Rachel (Markley) Wheat.

The paternal great-grandfather, a farmer, emigrated from Germany about 1800 and located near Shelbyville, where he died. There the grandfather, James Wheat, was born in 1810. Reared on a farm he was early trained in agricultural pursuits with which he was identified all of his life. In 1871 he removed to Missouri and filed on some government land in Gasconade county, near Hermann, where he spent his latter years. His family numbered eight children, the second in order of birth having been the son Richard, who was born in 1839. The others are: Rebecca, the widow of James Larimore, of Jake Prairie, Gasconade county, Missouri; Martin, who is a resident of St. Louis, Missouri; Elizabeth, the widow of a Mr. Montgomery, living near Hermann, Missouri; Isaac, who is also living in the vicinity of Hermann; Eli, who is a resident of Gasconade county; Martha, now Mrs. Tackett, of Gasconade county; and David, who lives near Shelbyville, Indiana. Reared on his father's farm near Shelbyville, Richard Wheat was educated in the district schools of the vicinity. He remained under the parental roof until close before the war when he was married to Miss Markley, who was born in Germany about 1842. She emigrated to the United States in the early '50s with her father, who took up some government land near Shelbyville, that he cultivated until his death. When the Civil war broke out, Richard Wheat enlisted as a private in Company A, Indiana Volunteer Infantry and went to the front where he remained until the close of hostilities. He took part in many of the most notable battles and was with Grant at Fort Donelson,

Shiloh and Vicksburg. After receiving his discharge he removed to Missouri, first locating in Gasconade county, but subsequently went to Oregon county, where he took up government land about 1882, and there the mother passed away some three years later. To Mr. and Mrs. Wheat were born twelve children: Marion, a farmer in Gasconade county; Samantha, the widow of John Piler, of Joplin, Missouri; Andrew, who died in infancy; Rebecca Jane, the wife of James McCoy, of Piasa, Illinois; David E., our subject; Thomas, who died at the age of five years; Louisa, who was four years old at the time of her demise; Mary, who is married and resides in southern Missouri; Albert Lee, who is living in Belgium, Missouri; Relda, the wife of James Laramore, of Jake Prairie, Missouri; Columbus, a veteran of the Spanish-American and Philippine wars; and Anna, the wife of Ed. Walter, of St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Wheat again married and went to Thayer, Missouri, where he conducted a meat market for a time, but later settled on a farm in that vicinity, and there he passed away in 1909.

The common schools of Missouri educationally equipped David E. Wheat for the responsibilities of life. He remained on his father's homestead until he was fourteen years of age, when he became self-supporting and for a time thereafter worked out by the month, but subsequently apprenticed himself to the carpenter's trade, which he followed for five years. In 1894 he entered the employment of the Union Dairy Company, of St. Louis, Missouri, with which concern he has ever since been identified. On the 22d of August, 1902, he was sent by the firm to Medora to take charge of their interests here. An energetic man of thrifty and steady habits, Mr. Wheat in 1910 was able to purchase the hotel and restaurant business of J. R. Richardson, which he has ever since successfully conducted. He owns the building and also a comfortable cottage in Medora that he rents.

St. Louis was the scene of Mr. Wheat's marriage on the 8th of March, 1893, to Miss Minerva Souders, who was born in Crawford county, Missouri, on the 25th of November, 1877. Mrs. Wheat is a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Woodruff) Souders, the father being of German and the mother of Scotch extraction. Mr. Souders was born and reared in Crawford county where he engaged in farming until 1884, when he removed to St. Louis. He is now engaged in cement construction work. Mrs. Souders' people, the Woodruffs, have also long been residents of Crawford county. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Souders, Mrs. Wheat being the second in order of birth. The others are Mollie, the deceased wife of George Markley, of Crawford county; Susan, who died in infancy; John, who is a resident of St. Louis; Frank, who is also living in St. Louis; Grace, the wife of Thomas Rhyner, of St. Louis; and Ruth, who married William Muschamp, of the same city. Mr. and Mrs. David E. Wheat are the proud parents of three children; Walter, who is assisting his father in the dairy; and Ruby and Fay. They are all living at home.

The family adhere to the Baptist faith and fraternally Mr. Wheat is a member of the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is a republican, but never having been an aspirant to public honors does not actively participate in municipal affairs. His modest estimate of his own abil-

ities, unassuming manner, reliability and high sense of honor in all of his relations of life have won Mr. Wheat the general respect of the community and he has many staunch friends.

CLAUDE ALLEN MOORE, D. V. M.

Dr. Claude Allen Moore, who is now engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery in Carlinville, was born in Morgan county, Illinois, on the 6th of July, 1885. He is the second son of Haden and Charlotte (Large) Moore, natives of Illinois. His paternal grandfather was William Moore, a native of Fincastle, Botetourt county, Virginia, and a son of John and Katie (Wyman) Moore, also Virginians, though the father was of Irish and German extraction. William Moore married Miss Sarah Gish, who was born in the Old Dominion, a daughter of George Gish, a Virginian of German descent, whose wife was a Miss Wrightsman, likewise of Virginia, in which state both spent their entire lives, the father engaging in agricultural pursuits. William Moore removed with his wife to Illinois during pioneer days and located on a farm in Sangamon county. He passed away at Auburn at the age of seventy-two years, but his wife is still living at the age of eighty-one years. They were the parents of six children, three of whom attained maturity: Haden, the father of our subject; Nannie, the widow of Samuel Leonard, of Decatur, Illinois; and Daisy, the wife of Madison Hurley, of Auburn, Illinois. The maternal grandfather of our subject was John Large, a native of Tennessee and a son of John and Mary (Kingery) Large, of Scotch descent. The grandfather was a soldier in the Civil war and died while in service. His wife bore the maiden name of Gevina Tipton and was also a native of Tennessee, her parents being William and Rebecca (Jones) Tipton, of German descent. She died at middle age. She was the mother of four children, namely: Mary; Charlotte, now Mrs. Moore; Annie; and Nannie.

To Mr. and Mrs. Haden Moore were also born four children, as follows: William G., who is proprietor of a restaurant and café at 314 Monroe street, New York city; Della, a stenographer of Springfield, Illinois; Claude Allen, our subject; and Abner Augustus, who is engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine at Girard, Illinois. During the greater part of his life the father has been identified with agricultural pursuits in Macoupin and Sangamon counties, cultivating a farm in the vicinity of Auburn during early manhood. From there he removed to Macoupin county and located near Womac, where he resided until 1908, and then came to Carlinville. Here he purchased a pleasant residence, now occupied by himself and family, and is successfully engaged in both the dairy and real-estate business. He and his wife are faithful members of the Christian church and are highly esteemed wherever known.

Dr. Moore was a small boy on the removal of the family to this county and in its public schools he acquired his early education. At the age of eighteen years he went to New York city and was engaged in business at 314 Monroe street

for two years, but at the end of that time returned to Illinois, as his father was in poor health, and for three years thereafter he engaged in farming. At the end of that time he entered the Grand Rapids Veterinary College at Grand Rapids, Michigan, from which institution he was graduated in 1911. Upon his return to Carlinville he established an office and is now successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession. As he is unmarried Dr. Moore continues to make his home with his parents at No. 613 East Elm street. He holds membership in the Christian church and fraternally is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America.

LILIAN O. HAYWARD.

Lilian O. Hayward, a leading merchant and farmer of Medora, was born in Chesterfield township December 9, 1860, and has spent his entire life in Macoupin county. He is a son of Cyrus Tolman and Mary Ann (Johnson) Hayward and is a member of one of the old families of America. Thomas and Susanna Hayward came to this country from Kent county, England, in the ship *Hercules*, in 1635. They landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts, and were among the settlers of Duxbury and Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Mr. Hayward of this review is eighth in direct line of descent from this worthy couple and has just cause to be proud of his ancestry. Cyrus T. Hayward was born in Massachusetts, June 14, 1819. He came with his parents to Macoupin county, Illinois, in 1838, and the family settled on a farm in section 18, Chesterfield township. On Christmas day, 1840, Mr. Hayward was married to Elizabeth Maria Olmstead and they became the parents of eight children, namely: Cyrus W., who is now living at Parsons, Kansas; Caroline Matilda, who is the wife of Frank Silsby; Jane, who married Leonard Ketchum, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; William Oscar, also living at Parsons; Lucinda Cornelia, who became the wife of Melvin Loper, of Chesterfield township, and is now deceased; Eva Josephine, who married Emmons Loper, of Chesterfield township, and is also deceased; Eldon O., who died at the age of three years; and Eldon Augustus, who died in infancy. The mother of these children passed away on the 8th of July, 1856. On the 21st of September, 1859, Mr. Hayward was married to Mrs. Mary Ann (Perry) Johnson, who was born near Memphis, Tennessee, September 22, 1832, and removed to Carrollton, Illinois, in 1844 with her parents, James and Nancy (Obenshin) Perry. She was one of a family of nine children, five sons and four daughters, namely: John, George, Andrew, Monroe and Frank, all deceased; Mary Ann; Mrs. Mary A. Sleight, a resident of Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Carrie Kelly, also of Denver; and Mrs. Sarah Bowman, of Carrollton, Illinois. By his second marriage Mr. Hayward had five children: Lilian O., of this review; Herbert M., who is now living on the old home place in Chesterfield township; Mary E., who married William Simpson, of Marion, Indiana; Horace L., who lives in Chicago, Illinois; and Ida K., who died in infancy. Mr. Hayward engaged in cabinet-making and also in farming for many years. He became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land

in Macoupin county and was recognized as one of its substantial citizens. He died June 11, 1904, his wife having passed away August 22, 1898.

In the public schools Lilian O. Hayward gained his early education and subsequently attended Blackburn University at Carlinville and Brown's Business College of Jacksonville, Illinois. He engaged in farming on the home place for two years and then purchased one hundred and sixty acres southeast of Medora, which he cultivated for seven years, paying special attention to raising and feeding stock and dairying. At the end of the time named he took up his residence on the F. B. Simpson farm, near Medora, still retaining the place which he had purchased. In 1904 he traded for a stock of merchandise at Chesterfield but two years later moved the stock to Medora and added implements, hardware, buggies and many articles and commodities called for in a farming community. The establishment now ranks as one of the most flourishing of the kind in the county. He has not given up his interest in farming and has purchased a second farm and now owns two hundred and forty acres of valuable land in Illinois and one hundred and sixty acres in Kansas. He is a man of fine business judgment and has met with marked success in his undertakings.

On December 22, 1888, Mr. Hayward was married to Miss Kitty Lena Parker, who was born March 17, 1866, a daughter of Benjamin E. Parker. To this union one child, Reta Love has been born, who resides with her parents. Benjamin E. Parker was born in Shipman township October 9, 1839, and is a son of Joel and Miriam (Haycraft) Parker, the former of whom was born near Lynchburg, Virginia, October 10, 1805, and the latter at Stevensburg, Hardin county, Kentucky, December 22, 1809. David Parker, the grandfather on the paternal side, belonged to a family of planters and spent his life in Virginia. Joel Parker grew to manhood in his native state and in the '20s emigrated to Kentucky. In 1835 he drove overland to Illinois with his wife and four children and entered government land in Shipman township, Macoupin county, southeast of Medora. Here he spent the remainder of his days, being called away November 28, 1843. The ancestors of Mr. Parker on the maternal side were also Virginians and the grandfather came to Illinois from Kentucky with a grown son about 1836. Seven children were born to Joel and Miriam Parker, namely: Elizabeth, of Medora; who is the widow of John L. Rhoads; Mary E., also of Medora, the widow of F. B. Simpson; Sarah, of Creston, Colorado, who is the widow of A. J. Calverd; Frances, who is the wife of Rev. J. W. Rice, of Medora; Palmyra, who lives at Pasadena, California, and is the widow of J. L. Sherman; Benjamin E.; and Luvenia M., the wife of T. B. Forwood, of Medora. The father of these children died about 1853 and later the mother was married to Henry Jolly, of Macoupin county. One child, Emma, was born to this union. She married H. W. Denny and they are now living at Medora.

Benjamin E. Parker received his education in the public schools and continued under the parental roof, three miles southeast of Medora, until after arriving at maturity. He then purchased a part of the home place, consisting of one hundred and fifty acres, which he cultivated to excellent advantage until 1901. He then retired from active labors and has since made his home at Medora. He was for sixty years actively identified with the agricultural interests of the county and engaged extensively in raising the cereals and also in raising and

feeding cattle, hogs and sheep for the market. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order and the Odd Fellows and politically his sympathies are with the prohibition cause. He served as commissioner of highways in Shipman township for ten years and also as a member of the school board. On the 27th of January, 1864, he was married to Margaret A. Cain, who was born March 3, 1845, a daughter of Abraham and Nancy (Downs) Cain. Abraham Cain was born and reared in Grayson county, Kentucky, and came to Illinois with his family in 1852, locating near Kemper, in Jersey county. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cain, namely: Margaret A., who is now Mrs. Benjamin E. Parker; John, who resided in Macoupin county and is now deceased; Catharine, of Medora; Taylor, who makes his home in southern Illinois; James W., of Jerseyville, now deceased; Mary, the wife of R. A. Love, of Marion, Indiana; and Hardin, who lives near Medora. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Parker, two of whom died in infancy. The others are: Leonora, who married Rev. J. Y. Montague, a Baptist minister, of Toledo, Ohio, and is the mother of three children: Althea, Leonora and Parker, all of whom are living at home; and Kitty Lena, now Mrs. Lilian O. Hayward.

Both as a merchant and farmer Mr. Hayward has been highly successful and during the course of an unusually active and useful life has presented an example of industry and application that is indeed worthy of emulation. He is an earnest believer in progress and has ever been mindful of his obligations to his fellow men. It may truly be said that no trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed. He supports the republican party but not through any desire for personal advancement, as he has never aspired to public office, his attention being devoted mainly to his business. He is a valued member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias, but his friends are by no means limited to those organizations, as they may be found wherever the name Lilian O. Hayward is known.

JOHN GOSCH.

For fifty-two years Bunker Hill has been the home of John Gosch, who was born in the province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on the 15th of March, 1834. He is a son of Claus and Christina (Kolb) Gosch, who were also natives of Schleswig-Holstein, where they spent their entire lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Gosch there were born ten children.

John Gosch was educated in the common schools of his native land, after which he was apprenticed to a shoemaker. He followed his trade in the fatherland until 1857, when he decided to emigrate to the United States. Upon his arrival in this country he first settled in Davenport, Iowa, where he continued to work at his trade for two years. At the expiration of that period he came to Bunker Hill where he established a shop and in 1883 he extended the scope of his activities by the addition of a fine line of shoes.

In 1860 Mr. Gosch was united in marriage to Miss Julia Rottger, who was also a native of Germany, and they became the parents of three children: Her-

man P., who is associated in business with his father; Otto, who is a resident of Webb City, Missouri; and John C., who is a grocery clerk in St. Louis. Mrs. Gosch passed away in 1904.

Although he was reared in the Lutheran faith, for thirty-two years Mr. Gosch has been identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife was a member. He is also affiliated with Bunker Hill Lodge, No. 258, I. O. O. F., of which he was treasurer for thirty-one years. His political support he always accords to the candidates of the republican party, and takes an active interest in all municipal affairs. He has served as an alderman and mayor of Bunker Hill, also as treasurer and school director. He was one of the thrifty and enterprising sons of Germany who came to America with a very limited capital, and through sheer force of his own industry and determination has won a position for himself in the community where he resides, whose citizens accord him the highest respect.

CHARLES COOPER.

Charles Cooper, now living retired but formerly connected with the commercial interests of Nilwood, was born in this village on the 10th of October, 1853, his parents being Henry and Mary (Murphy) Cooper, the father a native of England and the mother of Ireland. Their biographical sketch appears on another page of this volume.

Reared in Macoupin county, Charles Cooper acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of Nilwood following which he attended Blackburn University at Carlinville for a time. In 1873 he abandoned his studies and began his commercial career with his father who was engaged in the grain and coal business, which thereafter was conducted under the firm name of Henry Cooper & Son. Charles Cooper continued to be identified with this enterprise until 1898 when he withdrew and removed to Jacksonville, Illinois, where he engaged in the coal and ice business. This venture was operated under the name of C. Cooper until 1902, when he took C. H. Gillman into the business, which was thereafter conducted under the firm name of Cooper & Gillman. At the end of three years Mr. Cooper sold his interest to his partner and in 1906 returned to Nilwood and took charge of the business and property of his father, who passed away in November of the same year. He was subsequently appointed executor of the estate to the management of which he has ever since directed his entire attention.

Mr. Cooper was married in Nilwood, March 10, 1875, to Miss Lucy Moore, a native of Greene county, Illinois, and a daughter of Langston and Sarah (Melton) Moore, both of whom were natives of Tennessee. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, in order of birth as follows: James Henry, who married Mary Duffner and died in 1907, being survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters; Frank C., who was married August 27, 1911, to Dessy Schaefer, of Frederick, Oklahoma, and resides in St. Louis, Missouri; Mabel,

at home with her parents; and Wade M., who has the management of the store of Cooper Brothers at Nilwood.

Fraternally Mr. Cooper is a member of Jacksonville Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., and also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of Jacksonville. He votes with the democrats, and has been collector of Nilwood, township clerk, trustee of the village, clerk of the village board, which office he held when the new charter was adopted, and president of the village. The Cooper family has been prominently identified with the commercial and political as well as social life of Nilwood for over a half a century, the third generation being connected with the business interests of the town in the person of Mr. Cooper's youngest son, Wade M.

OWEN CLINE.

Owen Cline is the owner of a fine farm of two hundred acres in Scottville township that he cultivated for many years, but he is now living retired. He was born in Independent township, Washington county, Ohio, on the 23d of July, 1851, and is a son of Reuben and Diana (Cady) Cline. Reuben Cline was a son of David and Sarah (Mills) Cline and was born on the 28th of February, 1819, in Washington county, Ohio, where his death occurred on the 27th of March, 1904. The Clines originally came from Pennsylvania and are of Dutch extraction, the great-grandparents of our subject having been George and Susan (Buck) Cline. The Cady family first located in Vermont but later removed to New York, whence they came to Ohio. The mother, Diana Cady Cline, was born on the 7th of July, 1821, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Chandler) Cady. The maternal great-grandparents were Zebulum and Miriam (Simons) Chandler and the great-great-grandparents Jonathan and Mabel (Burress) Chandler. Reuben and Diana (Cady) Cline were united in marriage in Washington county, Ohio, on the 18th of November, 1841. Immediately thereafter they located on a farm in the same county, the father devoting his attention to agricultural pursuits during the entire period of his active career. The mother is still living and now makes her home in Williamtown, West Virginia. Nine children were born to them, our subject being the fifth in order of birth.

The early years in the life of Owen Cline were, in the main, very similar to those of hundreds of other farmer lads of that period. There was little occurring to vary the monotonous routine of rural life in those days before the advent of the telephone and the daily rural free delivery of the mail. In the acquirement of his education he attended the district schools in the vicinity, during their brief winter sessions, until he had mastered the common branches, his time when not there employed being very largely devoted to assisting with the work of the fields and care of the stock. When he was twenty-one years old he left home to begin his independent agricultural career. On the 23d of October, 1872, he arrived in Morgan county, Illinois, where he spent about three years, when he came to Macoupin county. When he first located here he rented a farm from

his father-in-law, but later acquired a fine property of two hundred acres. He devoted his attention to general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of feeding cattle and hogs for the market. Mr. Cline has withdrawn from the active work of the fields and is now living retired on the old homestead of his wife's parents.

On the 18th of September, 1879, occurred the marriage of Mr. Cline and Miss Sarah E. Hicks, a daughter of Vine and Nancy (Rhodes) Hicks. Vine Hicks was born at Whitehall township, Greene county, Illinois, on the 26th of September, 1835, while the mother was born at Athensville, the same county, on the 13th of August, 1839. Athensville township was also the birthplace of Mrs. Cline. In 1861 Vine Hicks removed with his wife and family to Macoupin county, locating upon a farm which he cultivated until his retirement. The paternal grandparents were Vines and Elizabeth (Tunnell) Hicks. Vines Hicks was born on the James river in the vicinity of Richmond, Virginia, on the 4th of February, 1788, and was a son of David and Nancy Hicks. He was one of nineteen children born to his parents, seventeen of whom attained maturity. When the second war with England broke out in 1812 Vines Hicks with four of his brothers went to the front, serving under Colonel William and Captain James Tunnell. He participated in the battle of New Orleans under General Andrew Jackson on the 8th of January, 1812, and was present at the killing of Tecumseh at the battle of the Thames at the close of the war. After hostilities ceased he went to Anderson county, Tennessee, and there he met Miss Elizabeth Tunnell, who became his wife on the 3d of July, 1817. Mrs. Hicks was a daughter of Colonel William Tunnell and was born in the vicinity of the village of Clinton. In the autumn following his marriage, Mr. Hicks moved to Madison county, Illinois, with his bride, and there he engaged in splitting rails for William Montgomery. In 1818 he removed to Greene county, locating on some government land on Macoupin creek, upon which he erected a log cabin that served him as residence for some time. Their nearest neighbors were Indians, a camp of five hundred being located within a distance of two hundred yards of their cabin. At that time Mr. Hicks knew every man, woman and child by name in Greene, Jersey, Madison, Morgan and Scott counties. The settlers of this section at that period were ever in imminent danger from their treacherous neighbors, and it was at this time that Mr. Hicks learned to sleep with his clothes on, which habit he retained during the remainder of his life. He was present at the massacre of two white families and assisted in wiping out his red neighbors, four hundred and ninety-nine of the five hundred being killed by the whites. Edwardsville, at that time only a fort, was the headquarters for the rangers. When the Black Hawk war broke out he went to the front, serving under General Duncan, Colonel Henry and Captain Smith.

Mr. Hicks always engaged in agricultural pursuits and when he retired owned a fine farm of seven hundred acres. The latter years of his life were spent at the home of his son, Samuel Hicks, who was a resident of Greene county. He belonged to a family noted for their longevity and celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of his birth two months and fifteen days before his death, which occurred on the 19th of April, 1888. He had long survived his wife, her death occurring on the 9th of November, 1876, at the age of seventy-eight years, four

months and fifteen days. Mr. Hicks was a most unusual character and was widely known throughout the county and vicinity. He always was his own barber, not only shaving himself but cutting his own hair without the aid of a mirror. Although he was able to walk about the house he preferred to travel in a chair on account of rheumatism, the chair being hitched along with rapidity. During the interval he had practiced this mode of locomotion he wore off the legs of seven or eight hardwood chairs to the first round.

He was always a stanch democrat and cast his ballot for every presidential candidate on that ticket from James Monroe to Grover Cleveland. He left no estate, having divided his property among his children some time prior to his death. His residence in the state covered the great formative period of the middle west and he saw Indian wigwams superseded by modern houses; railroads displace stage coaches; and hamlets develop into thriving towns and cities.

To Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cline were born two children: Lucretia, who married James M. Emmons, a farmer of Scott county; and a son Vines R. Mrs. Emmons became the mother of two daughters: Blanche, who is deceased; and Gladys.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cline are affiliated with the Baptist church of Mount Zion, and he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Palmyra Lodge, No. 463, A. F. & A. M., Palmyra, Illinois; and the Modern Woodmen of America, being a charter member of Scottville Camp, No. 506. His wife belongs to the Royal Neighbors, Lodge No. 3803, and also to the Court of Honor, Lodge No. 99, of Scottville. In politics Mr. Cline has always been a very ardent democrat, and has served as township commissioner, senator committeeman and school director. He is one of the widely and favorably known residents of his community, whose early efforts were so intelligently directed that he is now able to live in full enjoyment of every comfort as the result of capably applied energy.

JOHN OTA CLEMMONS.

A beautiful farm of more than four hundred acres, comprising some of the best land in Macoupin county, is evidence of the industry and business ability of John Ota Clemmons, who lives near Virden. As a breeder of live stock he has been thoroughly successful and as a general farmer ranks among the leaders in this section. Born in Macoupin county, September 26, 1865, he is a son of John R. and Elizabeth A. (Thomas) Clemmons, the former of whom was a native of North Carolina and the latter of Illinois. In their family were six children: Eunice B., who is deceased; Samuel T.; Lewis H. and Jane E., both of whom are deceased; Laura C., who is the wife of Frank P. Babbitt, of Macoupin; and John Ota, of this review.

After receiving the foundation of an education in the common schools John Ota Clemmons pursued his studies further in the high school and business college and a goodly measure of his success may be ascribed to the thorough mental training received under competent instructors. From his boyhood he showed a marked adaptability to farming pursuits. He applied himself with an unalter-

able determination to succeed and is now the owner of four hundred and two acres, the place being provided with a comfortable residence and all the accessories of a modern farming establishment. He has specialized in raising short-horn cattle and thoroughbred road horses and some of the finest specimens in those lines seen in Macoupin county have been bred and raised under his supervision.

On the 30th of September, 1885, Mr. Clemmons was married to Miss Mary L. Chedister, a daughter of Guy M. and Martha (Vail) Chedister. The mother was a native of New Jersey and a daughter of Dr. Israel Vail. She died in 1868, leaving two children: Mary L., now Mrs. John O. Clemmons; and Sarah, who is the wife of Alvah Ross, of Virden. In 1872 Dr. Vail married Mary Huntoon, by whom he had two children, one who died in infancy; and Grace, the wife of Fred W. Burett, of Hancock, Michigan. To Mr. and Mrs. Clemmons five children were born, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: John Gregory, who is now living at Jacksonville, Illinois; and Lynne C., Edith E. and Elwyn Ota, all of whom are at home.

Although greatly devoted to his business, Mr. Clemmons has not neglected his duties as an intelligent citizen of a progressive community and has served most acceptably as member of the school board. His study of politics led him to adopt the principles of the democratic party as his guide in deciding public questions and he is an earnest supporter of its candidates. He is a firm believer in the Bible and is a valued member of the Christian church. He is also a member of Virden Lodge, No. 161, A. F. & A. M., and he and his wife are both members of the Order of Eastern Star. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. In all the relations of life he has shown an interest and efficiency which have placed him among the honored citizens of Macoupin county.

CALVIN T. BRUCE.

Calvin T. Bruce, who engages in general farming on section 21, Staunton township, was born on the farm where he now resides on the 25th of September, 1878. His father, Wallace Bruce, when a boy emigrated from Scotland with his parents, who were among the pioneers of southern Illinois. They located on a farm in Staunton township and there they spent the remainder of their lives. When old enough to begin work for himself Wallace Bruce bought an uncultivated and unimproved farm on section 21, Staunton township. Upon completing the necessary improvements he immediately began breaking the prairie, placing it under cultivation as he was able. Hard-working, thrifty Scot that he was he met with success in the intelligent direction of his affairs, and at the time of his death owned a homestead of three hundred and twenty acres, well improved and in a high state of cultivation. In addition to this land he had acquired four hundred acres in Madison county. He passed away on his homestead in 1905. For his wife Mr. Bruce chose Miss Elizabeth Jane Clarke, also a native of Scotland, whom he married in Macoupin county. She is still living and continues to make her home in Staunton township, but is now a

resident of the village of that name. To Mr. and Mrs. Bruce were born eleven children: Charles, who is residing in the vicinity of Hornsby, Illinois; Lizzie, who is unmarried and lives with her mother; Thomas, a resident of New Douglas, Illinois; Wallace, who lives in the vicinity of Gillespie, Illinois; Belle, the wife of James Earley, of New Douglas, Illinois; Edward, who is living in Staunton; Agnes, the wife of August Kroger, of Staunton; William, who is also a resident of Staunton; Robert, living in New Douglas, Illinois; Calvin T., who is our subject; and May, the wife of Richard Cox, of Mount Olive, Illinois.

Calvin T. Bruce always lived upon the farm where he was born, having pursued his education in the district schools of the vicinity where he mastered the common branches. He remained under the parental roof until the death of his father following which he purchased one-half of the homestead and here he has ever since resided. He has wrought many improvements in the place during the period of his occupancy, having erected new barns and outbuildings, all of which he keeps in a good state of repair. His fields are devoted to general farming and in addition to the cultivation of these he is operating an eighty acre tract adjoining. One of the special features of interest on his farm are the full blooded Shorthorn cattle he is so successfully breeding and which promise to be a most gratifying source of revenue.

In 1907 Mr. Bruce established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Mollie Russell, and to them has been born one child, Elmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce are devoted members of the Presbyterian church and he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, being identified with the Staunton camp. His political support he has always given to the democratic party. Mr. Bruce takes much pride in his farm, which, having been the playground of his boyhood and the training school of his youth, is endeared to him by its association with all of the deepest and greatest experiences of his life.

CHARLES A. WALKER.

Charles A. Walker, supervising editor of this history of Macoupin county, is one of the patriarchs of the county and has long been recognized as one of its ablest and most progressive citizens. He is a native of Nashville, Tennessee, born August 21, 1826, a son of Abraham S. and Rosina (Phelps) Walker, the former of whom was born in Kentucky and the latter in North Carolina. There were four children in their family, all of whom grew to maturity except James L.: Caroline, who married William Phelps and is now deceased; Charles A.; Tennessee V., who became the wife of Ferdinand Taggard and is also deceased; and James L., who died after reaching his twentieth year. All of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Walker were pioneers at Carlinville, which became their permanent home.

Abraham S. Walker, the father of our subject, was reared in Kentucky and married in Tennessee. He was one of the early pioneers of Macoupin county and built the third house in Carlinville. In 1836 he entered mercantile business in this place, continuing until 1868, when he removed to Hamburg, Iowa, and

died there in 1875, being then past his seventy-third year. His wife died the same year at the age of seventy-six. They were both consistent members of the Methodist church. Mr. Walker took a prominent part in public affairs and held various offices during his residence in Macoupin county. Charles Walker, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was of English descent. He was born in Rowan county, North Carolina, in 1765. He removed to Logan county, Kentucky, and was there married to Caroline Matilda Stephens. They were the parents of three children. The maternal grandfather was Joseph Phelps and his wife was Sallie Ainslee. They were of German parentage and were born in Pennsylvania. Mr. Phelps was a farmer and died in Madison county, Illinois, leaving a large family.

Charles A. Walker removed with his parents to Madison county, Illinois, in 1828 and two years later came with them to Carlinville, which has since been his home—a period of eighty-one years. He clearly remembers the deep snow of the winter of 1830-31 and the so-called "falling of the stars" in 1833. He attended the old seminary conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Orin Cooley and later became a student of Shurtleff College at Upper Alton. In 1849, yielding to the gold excitement, he crossed the plains to California by ox team with the Alton Company and engaged in mining and packing goods into the mountains. He returned to Carlinville in 1851 and became connected with the mercantile business with his father-in-law, Daniel Dick, under the title of Walker & Dick. Later he engaged with Walker, Phelps & Co., the firm consisting of his father and his brothers-in-law, William Phelps and F. Taggard, in the wholesale dry goods, clothing and grocery business at Alton. He returned to Carlinville in 1854 and again entered the mercantile business with Walker, Phelps & Company. Being attracted to professional life, he began the study of law in 1856 in the offices of Judge S. S. Gilbert and General John I. Rinaker. He was admitted to the bar in August, 1858, and has ever since practiced at Carlinville, occupying the same office since 1862. He has devoted himself with marked success to general practice and has also served very acceptably as a public official. He was elected police magistrate in 1856; to the lower house of the state legislature in 1862; was master in chancery for sixteen years, from 1862; and was mayor of Carlinville in 1872. In 1880 he was elected state senator and served his constituents to their entire satisfaction for four years. He has served as president of the Old Settlers' Association of Macoupin county for twenty years and has built that organization up so that at each annual reunion there is an attendance of over ten thousand persons. During the courthouse troubles he was actively engaged with General John I. Rinaker as one of the county's lawyers in the case of the people against the courthouse commissioners, which was one of the most important causes in which he has taken an active part.

On the 16th of November, 1852, Mr. Walker was married to Miss Permelia A. Dick, a daughter of Daniel and Susan (Gates) Dick, and to this union two children were born, Lolah and Mae. Lolah married Dr. William H. Woods and became the mother of one son, Charles H., who is now engaged in the practice of law in partnership with his grandfather. Mae, the youngest daughter, was married to Colonel Charles McClure, of the United States Army, and now resides at Washington, D. C. They have one son, Lieutenant Charles W.

McClure, of the United States Army, who is now in the Philippine Islands. Mrs. Walker was born in Sangamon county, Illinois. Her parents were natives of Kentucky. Her paternal grandfather was John Dick and he married Mary Donner. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Walker was George Gates, a native of Pennsylvania, and his wife was a Miss Grove.

Charles A. Walker is a self-made man and his success at the bar indicates that he is an able lawyer. He is a man of positive character, strong convictions, and yet tender-hearted, kind, affable and courteous. He possesses fine natural endowments which have been developed through discipline, observation, study and many years of varied experience. He is a clear thinker, a logical reasoner and a good judge of human nature. He is known as a wide-awake, public-spirited citizen and has always been friendly to those principles that aim to secure the greatest good for the greatest number. He was favorable to the erection of a courthouse suitable to the wants of the people, but he promptly declared his opposition when he discerned the purposes of the county commissioners in erecting a building far exceeding the needs of the county, and endeavored by every possible means to defeat their plans, becoming the leader in opposition to what he considered a stupendous wrong. To him, perhaps, more than to any other man in the county have the people looked for justice in times of emergency, and in him they have found a faithful, honest and competent friend and adviser. In politics Mr. Walker has always been a staunch supporter of the democratic party.

JOSIAH DECREVEL.

Josiah Decrevel, who has successfully engaged as a photographer at Virden for nearly twenty years past, is a native of Madison county, Illinois, and is a descendant of good French stock in both the paternal and maternal branches of the family. He was born November 11, 1866, a son of Francis and Lea (Le Fevre) Decrevel. The parents were both natives of France and came to America in their childhood. After growing to maturity the father purchased eighty acres of land in Madison county, upon which he spent the remainder of his life. He died February 14, 1876, and his widow was called away December 23d following. There were six children in their family, the two eldest of whom died in infancy, the others being: Eva, the wife of Theophilus Genre, of Highland, Illinois; Josiah, of this review; Moses, a resident of Litchfield; and Rosa, who married Lucien Pantet, of Madison county.

Having been deprived of his parents at the age of ten years, Josiah Decrevel took up his home among relatives with whom he remained six years. He then engaged in farming and continued in that occupation until twenty-two years of age. A man of natural artistic talents, he became interested in photography which he studied closely and practiced for three years. In 1892 he came to Virden and established a photograph gallery and has developed his business until his establishment is regarded as one of the best in this section of the state. He is a close observer and a careful student, allowing no opportunity to pass

that may add to his knowledge of a vocation to which he has for many years devoted his energies. The work turned out under his supervision compares favorably with any which is produced outside of the large cities and reflects great credit upon Mr. Decrevel.

On October 13, 1896, Mr. Decrevel was married to Miss Lena Lathrop. She is the eldest daughter of Charles and Catharine (Crane) Lathrop, the other members of the family being: Charles, a resident of Virden; Leigh, who makes his home at Marinette, Wisconsin; Ralph, of Madison, Wisconsin; Mamie, whose home is in Denver, Colorado; Tennyson, of Central Point, Oregon; and Robert, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Decrevel are the parents of two children: Pierce, who was born July 7, 1897; and Lea, born August 31, 1898.

Although in no sense a politician Mr. Decrevel is an earnest supporter of the principles and candidates of the republican party. He is a firm believer in the authority of the Bible as a guide in the conduct of life and is a member of the Baptist church. Having as a boy learned the value of self-dependence and of an upright character, he made it a principle of his life to earn his way by honest endeavor and never to seek advancement in such a manner as to injure others. He is well established in business and has gained the confidence of the entire community, being, moreover, accorded the honor which belongs to one who earnestly endeavors in all the relations of life to perform his duty.

CHARLES WESLEY MINER.

Charles Wesley Miner, a prosperous farmer of Macoupin county and one who has through many years of usefulness and activity reflected credit upon all with whom he has been associated, was born in Somerset county, New Jersey, February 26, 1841. Since his boyhood he has made his home in Illinois and now, having passed the seventieth milestone in life's journey, enjoys in peace and plenty the results of many years of conscientious application. He belongs to an old and respected New Jersey family and is a son of William V. and Deborah (Christopher) Miner, both of whom were born in New Jersey, and a grandson of John Miner, of New Jersey. The father came west with his family in 1856 and settled in Fulton county, Illinois, where he was identified for many years with agricultural interests. He died in 1877. Being an intelligent man of good social qualities, he made many friends as was attested by the general expression of regret at his departure.

At the age of fifteen Charles W. Miner came to Illinois with his parents. He received his early education in the public schools of New Jersey and Fulton county, Illinois, and even as a boy showed an interest in farming which gave bright promise as to his future. At the age of seventeen he began assisting his father upon the home farm and so continued until 1865, when he came to Macoupin county and took up farming on his own account in Nilwood township. In 1874 he purchased one hundred acres of land in Girard township of J. F. Roach, where he established his permanent home. During the thirty-five years

that have elapsed since he established himself on his homestead he has made many improvements and the attractive appearance of the place is an indication of the careful thought given to his business. He has always been progressive in his methods, making use of the best known means of keeping the land in good condition and thus producing liberal annual returns.

On December 2, 1869, in Nilwood township, Mr. Miner was married to Miss Sarah F. Christopher, a native of Macoupin county, Illinois, and a daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Fisher) Christopher, the former of whom was born in Ohio and the latter in New Jersey. She is a granddaughter of John Christopher, and William Fisher, both of Illinois, the families having been traced back to the time of the Revolutionary war when members took an active part in freeing the colonies from the rule of Great Britain. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Miner: Walter P., a resident of Kansas, who married Cora James and has six children, five sons and one daughter; Charles, also of Kansas, who married Grace England and has two sons; William H., who is engaged in the study of medicine; and Minnie D., the wife of William Earl, of Girard, and the mother of two children, a son and daughter.

Religiously Mr. Miner is an earnest adherent of the Methodist church and served as steward in the local church for many years. Politically he is in sympathy with the principles of the democratic party but does not confine himself to partisan lines in casting his ballot, as he belongs to the increasing number of voters who take into careful consideration the character and ability of candidates upon the various tickets. He has never sought public office but has served with ability as commissioner of highways and for twenty years as a member of the school board. In all business transactions he has been governed by principles of justice and truth and the name of Charles W. Miner is, therefore, honored wherever it is known in Macoupin county.

HERBERT ALVA LANCASTER.

In the list of farmers who are making a success of their business in Macoupin county should be named Herbert Alva Lancaster, of South Otter township, who is now in the prime of life and has given convincing evidence of his ability in the calling with which he has been closely identified since early manhood. He was born in Girard township May 1, 1871, a son of William and Mary (Hovey) Lancaster, the former of whom was born in England in 1836, and the latter in Massachusetts. The grandparents of our subject were Frank Lancaster, of England, and Gilbert Hovey, of Massachusetts. William Lancaster came with his parents to America in 1844, when he was eight years of age. The family located at Bunker Hill, Illinois, and as he grew to maturity the son assisted in a brickyard of which his father was the owner. He was married in 1855 to Miss Mary Hovey and two years later came with his wife to Girard and started the first brickyard at that place. He continued in the manufacture of brick until his death, which occurred in 1898, his wife surviving until 1907. He was actively interested in politics and gave his support to the democratic party, serving as road

commissioner and as school director. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster were six children: Nellie, who married O. H. Parks, of California, and has three children; Walter, of Nebraska, who married Alice Barnes and is the father of two children; Ray, also of Nebraska, who married Nettie Cripe and has a family of four children; George, of Girard, who married Ada Morse and has one child; Charles, who married Edith Morse and resides at Girard; and Herbert Alva, of this review.

In the public schools of Girard Herbert A. Lancaster possessed good advantages of education, also making himself useful in his father's brickyard during his boyhood days. In 1889, when he was eighteen years of age, he began farming on three hundred and twenty acres in South Otter township and has ever since continued upon this place. He engages in general farming, but makes a specialty of feeding and buying stock. As he is a good judge of animals and keeps well informed as to market conditions he has met with marked success and the years have witnessed a gratifying increase in his income. He is also a stockholder in the Nilwood State Bank.

On January 2, 1889, Mr. Lancaster was married at St. Louis to Miss Bessie Dix, a native of South Otter township and a daughter of Charles and Helen (Davidson) Dix, the former of whom was born in Connecticut and the latter in Illinois. The grandfathers of Mrs. Lancaster were Thomas Dix, of Connecticut, and Alexander Davidson, of Alabama. To Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster six children have been born: Nellie E., who married C. H. McMahan, of Nilwood township; and Mary E., Myrtle A., Alva L., Paul Roscoe and Helen Mildred, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Lancaster is a firm believer in the Bible and is affiliated with the Baptist church. He also holds membership in Peach Tree Lodge, No. 633, M. W. A., of Girard. His study and observation of political parties led him years ago to indorse the principles of the democratic platform and he is an earnest supporter of its candidates. He has served to the general satisfaction of the people as assessor of South Otter township and also as a member of the school board. Thoroughly competent and reliable, he is greatly respected by his neighbors and friends as a steadily growing factor in this section.

FRANCIS WILLIAM COOPER.

Francis William Cooper, one of Nilwood's leading business men, was born in this village on the 11th of January, 1863, and is a son of the late Henry and Mary (Murphy) Cooper, the father a native of England and the mother of Ireland. The history of Henry Cooper appears at greater length elsewhere in this work.

Practically the entire life of Francis William Cooper has been spent in Nilwood, with whose business activities he is still prominently identified. In the acquirement of his preliminary education he attended the public schools of the village, the course therein pursued being supplemented by two years' study at the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, which institution he entered in 1883. Returning home at the expiration of that time he began his business career, entering

the service of the Central Union Telephone Company as manager of the exchanges in the different towns. He withdrew from this position at the end of three years to become bookkeeper for H. Cooper & Sons, who were engaged in the coal and grain business. In 1899 Mr. Cooper and his brother purchased the Nilwood Carbin Coal Company, of which enterprise our subject became the sole proprietor two years later. He disposed of this business in 1903 to the Weaver Coal & Coke Company, being retained in the capacity of manager, and he is now president and manager of the Illinois Central Fuel Company. In 1900 he also embarked in the mercantile business, but withdrew from this venture at the expiration of seven years in order to devote his undivided attention to his coal and grain interests. Mr. Cooper has met with most gratifying success in his various undertakings and in addition to his other interests is a director and secretary of the Nilwood State Bank.

On the 29th of October, 1890, at Litchfield, Illinois, Mr. Cooper was united in marriage to Miss S. Chassie Cline, a native of Madison county, this state. Mrs. Cooper is a daughter of James W. and Mary (Thompson) Cline, the father a native of Illinois and the mother of Ohio, while the maternal grandfather, R. H. Thompson, was a native of Pennsylvania.

Fraternally Mr. Cooper is identified with the Masonic Order and has attained high rank in the York Rite. He belongs to Girard Lodge, No. 171, A. F. & A. M.; Chapter, No. 132, R. A. M.; Litchfield Commandery, No. 30, K. T.; and he is also a Knight of the Mystic Shrine, being affiliated with Medinah Temple, Chicago. In addition to his membership in the various Masonic orders he is affiliated with Orient Lodge, No. 95, K. of P.; and Nilwood Camp, M. W. A. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cooper belong to the Order of the Eastern Star. In matters politic he is a republican, but always casts an independent ballot at municipal elections, considering that it is a question of the man best adapted to subserve the interests of the community, rather than a matter of party principles. He has always taken an active interest in local affairs, having served for five terms as president of the village, while for twenty years he was treasurer, and school director for ten. Mr. Cooper is one of the enterprising and progressive citizens of the town, who takes an active interest in the welfare of the community and directs his energies toward its development.

HENRY LEMONS.

Henry Lemons, a prosperous farmer of Girard township, has been a resident of Macoupin county for fifty years and has been an interested witness of the marvelous transformation of this part of the state, making it one of the garden spots of Illinois. He is a native of Missouri and was born in 1853. Being placed in an orphan asylum in his infancy, he never knew the tender care of a loving mother. At the age of seven years he became a member of the family of W. C. Roach, of Bird township, Macoupin county, Illinois, and grew to maturity under the favoring conditions of a peaceful home. He received advantages of education in the district schools and at the age of seventeen began working out among

farmers of the township. In 1877 he engaged in farming on his own account near Girard and three years later took up his residence on the place where he has since lived. He is industrious, energetic and efficient in his work and now enjoys the results of well applied labor, being known as one of the reliable and substantial men of this section.

On the 8th of August, 1877, Mr. Lemons was married to Miss Mary E. Roach, of Girard, a daughter of John F. and Martha H. (Cherry) Roach. The father was born in Tennessee and the mother also. Mrs. Lemons is a granddaughter of William Roach, who was a native of Tennessee. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lemons, namely: Ethel, who married Marion Riffey, of North Otter township, and has two sons: John R., a farmer of Nilwood township, who married Carrie Huber and has one daughter; H. Coy, of Springfield, who married May Blair; Calvin C., who lives in Waterloo, Iowa; Roscoe H., who is living at home; Mattie E., of Springfield, Missouri; and Erma and Fay, both of whom are at home

Mr. Lemons is a stanch believer in the Bible and is a valued member of the Baptist church. Politically he has given his support to the republican party ever since he arrived at his majority, and socially he is identified with the Old Settlers Club. In the management of his business affairs he has displayed sound judgment, which in connection with his unflagging industry has secured his success. The neat and attractive appearance of his place is evidence of his interest in a calling to which he has given the best efforts of his life. He and his wife are greatly esteemed by a wide circle of friends and their home is a center of generous hospitality. The keynote of the success of Mr. Lemons is economy, industry and perseverance and, as he has reared his children with these principles ever in view, they are abundantly prepared for lives of usefulness and honor.

JAMES M. HETTICK.

In a review of the life of James M. Hettick, deceased, it may seem a trite statement to those who are familiar with his history to say of him that he has risen unaided from comparative obscurity to a place in the ranks of the leading agriculturists in the state of Illinois, and that his business record is one which not many have equaled; and yet this is the fitting eulogy that must ever distinguish him among those of the passing generations whose deeds are commemorated in this volume, in order that coming generations interested in the welfare of Macoupin county may know who were the men most potent in their influence in the development and upbuilding of this prosperous section of the country. Beginning at the very bottom of the ladder he advanced steadily, step by step, until he occupied a position of prominence and trust possessed by but few men. Through his entire career he has been looked upon as a model of integrity and honor, never making an engagement that he did not keep nor giving a promise that he did not fulfill. Ever a man of his word he stood as an example of what determination and force combined with the highest ideals of business honor can accomplish. One has not far to seek in Mr. Hettick's career

for the causes that led to his prosperity since they are easily discovered along the lines of well tried and old time maxims, honesty and fair dealing, promptness and fidelity, the qualities which mark the finest type of citizenship of any nation. Macoupin county acknowledges her indebtedness to him and is grateful for what he has accomplished in behalf of the advancement of his community for he gave liberally of his time, energy and financial support towards every movement designed to further the general welfare especially in the cause of education.

Mr. Hettick became one of the rich men of Macoupin county, yet his wealth did not warp his nature nor isolate him from the friends and neighbors who were less generously rewarded in their pursuit of that vanishing ideal—success. Naturally retiring in his disposition he was always modest in reference to his own achievements or importance in the community. He despised any suggestion of flattery and never courted general favor, preferring to follow the bent of his own individuality and to be judged according to his own merit. He was as punctilious in the choice of his friends as he was prudent in all the choices of his life, and yet when the ultimate good was concerned his generous spirit included every member of the community whose best interests he had always at heart.

A native of Scottville township, where he resided his entire life, James M. Hettick was born May 29, 1842, his parents being Perry and Sarah (Armstrong) Hettick, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Tennessee. The ancestors of the family on the paternal side were among the early settlers of Pennsylvania in the days when no white man was secure from the atrocities and horrors of Indian barbarity. Thus the Hettick family also suffered from the red man's violence, the great-grandfather meeting his death during an Indian raid on their settlement, while the grandfather, Andrew Hettick, likewise a native of the Keystone state, was captured by the Indians when only sixteen years of age and was held a prisoner for two years. At the end of that time he made his escape, later finding his way to Chillicothe, Ohio, where he located. There he was married and subsequently removed with his family to southern Illinois, purchasing land near St. Louis. Owing to illness he sought a more favorable location and came to Carrollton, Greene county, where he resided for two years. In 1818 he took up eighty acres of government land at Scottville and continued to live there until his death in the early '50s. He was a typical pioneer, fond of hunting and fishing, using, according to the primitive customs of his day, horse's hair for fish lines. Largely occupied in the struggle for existence and living on the frontier far from the seat of government he was less interested in national affairs than in questions of local interest, although he gave his consistent support to the whig party. The farm which he cultivated for many years and where still stands the sycamore tree under which he built his camp fire on his first arrival in this county passed to Perry Hettick, his son and the father of the subject of this review. Devoting himself to the cultivation of the soil Perry Hettick improved the old homestead greatly and erected upon it a comfortable home, one of the most substantial in Scottville township. He added to his holdings until they comprised four hundred acres of rich and productive land which he bequeathed to his family at his death in 1882. A man of exceptional strength of character, he was an important factor in the early his-

tory of Macoupin county and gave his loyal support to the republican party. His wife survived him many years, passing away September 5, 1909, at the home of her son Robert in this county.

Passing his childhood under the parental roof James M. Hettick obtained his education in the district schools and grew to manhood under conditions most favorable for the development of habits of industry and usefulness. He was connected with the mercantile business at Whitehall for one year but returned to his home and assisted with the work on the farm until he was twenty-six years of age. Being the oldest of the children of the family, he was accustomed to the burden of responsibility from his youth up and thus developed strength of judgment which was one of the most valuable assets in the later conduct of his life. In November, 1868, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land and for many years applied himself to general farming and stock-raising, feeding cattle and raising hogs on an extensive scale for the purpose of shipping to the St. Louis and Chicago markets. With his usual keen discernment he foresaw the latent possibilities in rising land values due to the rapid increase in the population which was annually being augmented by the vast stream of migration pouring over the eastern and southern boundary lines into Illinois. In consequence he invested heavily in land, a step which time and his immense profits proved to have been most judicious. He retained up to the last seven hundred and thirty-two acres, a large part of which he rented upon a basis of half the income.

On the 18th of November, 1868, Mr. Hettick was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Crum, born in Barr township, Macoupin county. She was a daughter of Gordon and Sedonia (Rucker) Crum, who were early settlers of Illinois and are now deceased. There were two children in the Hettick family, one of whom died in infancy. A great tragedy which saddened the last year of Mr. Hettick's life was the death of his wife which occurred on March 9, 1910. She had been in declining health for more than a year but bravely endured her sufferings with heroic patience and continued her household duties until a few days before her death. She was taken to Springfield, Illinois, where the best surgical skill was engaged in her behalf but proved unavailing in warding off the final catastrophe. Throughout her life she had been faithful in her duties and was a devoted wife and mother. She was dearly loved by the whole community in which she was known for her passion for nature and her horticultural skill which was so richly displayed in her home and its surroundings. She excelled in the culinary art and was a model housekeeper and a true home-maker. In her religious faith she was a Universalist, and was also a member of Scottville Lodge, No. 511, Order of the Eastern Star.

The shadow of gloom cast by the hand of death that had despoiled his home never again lifted for Mr. Hettick, notwithstanding the kind ministrations of his daughter and only surviving child, Dela. On September 18, 1911, he departed this life at his home, "Evergreen Farm," near Scottville, after an illness of several days, being a victim of typhoid fever and other complications. Although he had never formally united with a church he was a man who believed and trusted in God, and in his fraternal relations with Scottville Lodge, No. 426, A. F. & A. M., and Scottville chapter, No. 511, Order of the Eastern Star, was

inspired by the Christian teachings and the beneficent principles of these organizations, and he incorporated them into the practice of his daily life. His business sagacity and excellent discrimination in the matters in which his experience had made him proficient was evident at every stage of his progress and such unwavering confidence did his associates have in his judgment that he was frequently consulted for advice and counsel by those who knew him well enough to assume this privilege. He was a lover of nature and took great pride in his beautiful country home. He gave his political support to the republican party but was too much occupied with his business affairs to devote much of his time to politics. Mr. Hettick's recent death was a deep sorrow to his many friends who will ever cherish his memory for his upright character, his genial disposition and his pleasant companionship.

JOHN J. STOWE.

There is no doubt that Illinois presents one of the most promising fields in the United States for the exercise of business talents and the opportunities are probably as favorable today as at any time in the past, at least such is the opinion of many successful business men who advise their sons to remain at home rather than seek their fortune among strangers. John J. Stowe, who is serving as postmaster of Girard and is also connected with various business enterprises, may be designated as one whose life record is well worthy of imitation. He has won his way to his present responsible position by a laudable ambition backed by persistent energy and sound business judgment. A native of Meigs county, Ohio, he was born December 9, 1861, a son of Erastus and Lucretia (Whaley) Stowe, both of whom were born in the Buckeye state. The father was a true lover of his country and served faithfully for four long years in behalf of the stars and stripes in the war of the Rebellion.

John J. Stowe attended the country schools and grew to maturity in a peaceful home. Being ambitious to prepare himself thoroughly for his life work, he went to Poughkeepsie, New York, and took a course at the Eastman Business College, for many years one of the most noted institutions of the kind in America. In 1883 he came to Virden township, Macoupin county, Illinois, and applied himself successfully to farming. Six years later he moved to Girard township where he has ever since been actively identified with agricultural interests. He also engaged in the grocery business at Girard from 1898 to 1906, and in addition to the pursuits heretofore named, ran a threshing machine and for twenty-five years past has found an outlet for his energies in buying and selling hay. He is also interested in the Mississippi Valley Railroad and is president of the Pana, Girard & Jacksonville Railroad. In 1906 he was appointed by President Roosevelt postmaster of Girard, was reappointed by President Taft in 1910, and has filled the position in such a manner as to give general satisfaction to the patrons of the office and the officials at Washington.

On March 7, 1889, Mr. Stowe was married to Miss Lizzie E. Gibson, of Girard, a daughter of Cullen C. and Nancy J. (Daugherty) Gibson, the former of whom

was born in Tennessee and the latter in Kentucky. She is a granddaughter of James Gibson, of Tennessee, and John Daugherty, of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Stowe have had no children of their own but reared two children taken from an orphan home, to whom they gave every desirable opportunity of education and training that they might become useful and progressive members of society.

Politically Mr. Stowe is in sympathy with the republican party, believing that its principles are better adapted than those of any other party for the maintenance of the Union. He served as supervisor from 1902 to 1906. He is a member of the Church of the Brethren and in his daily life has attempted to put into practical effect the teachings of the Great Master. He and his wife are greatly esteemed for their generous social qualities and the spirit of helpfulness by which they are actuated. He is a man of good common sense and it is entirely within the bounds of truth to say that no citizen of Girard township stands higher in the confidence of the people.

JOHN F. SNELL.

The state of Ohio has contributed thousands of its sons to Illinois and here many of them have gained friends and fortune, being recognized as substantial citizens who have truly merited the confidence in which they are held in their respective communities. In this number is John F. Snell, of Virden township, who was born in Ohio, March 24, 1864, a son of Henry and Amanda (Mayer) Snell, the former of whom was also born in the Buckeye state. The father came to Illinois with his family in 1867 and engaged in farming in Macoupin county, becoming the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of good land. He died November 5, 1905, and his wife was called away in February, 1903. They were the parents of six children, namely: Anna Mary, deceased; Emma, who married Frank Buckingham, of Girard; John F., of this review; Elizabeth, deceased; Charles, a resident of Virden; and Ollie, who is now living on the old homestead.

In the common schools John F. Snell gained his preliminary education which he has since greatly widened by contact with the world. He continued with his parents until reaching maturity and then rented three hundred acres which he cultivated for nine years. He subsequently rented one hundred and sixty acres for five years, and having accumulated sufficient capital, purchased eighty acres in Virden township, one-half mile southwest of the town. He engaged in general farming and made a specialty of breeding full blooded Percheron horses. In his business affairs he has displayed clear discernment and his good management is evident in the excellent results he has obtained. During recent years he has been greatly interested in coal mining and is the principal stockholder of a valuable property at Farmersville, which carries a vein nine to fourteen feet thick. This mine gives promise of becoming one of the large producers of the county.

On the 24th of December, 1885, Mr. Snell was married to Miss Catherine Brubaker. They have four children, namely: Dorothy, who was born September 30, 1888, and is the wife of George Stutzman, of Mount Vernon; Bertha, deceased; Ernest, who was born September 1, 1896, and is living at home; and Blanche, born

June 12, 1901. Mr. Snell is a valued member of the Church of the Brethren. He is not interested in politics and has never voted but has applied himself closely to business and is accounted one of the energetic and successful men of this section. He is a man of pleasing nature and by his kindly spirit has gained the good will of his neighbors and of all with whom he has had business or social relations.

DALE ALVIN WOOLLEY.

One of the more recent acquisitions to the commercial enterprises of Girard is Dale Alvin Woolley, who is conducting a hardware and furniture store. Born in Macoupin county, in North Otter township, on the 14th of March, 1875, he is a son of Charles A. and Eunice (Langley) Woolley. The father, who was a son of David Woolley of Kentucky, was also a native of Illinois, where for many years he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He came to this county in the early '70s, locating on a farm which he cultivated until 1882, when he removed to Girard and engaged in the lumber business. He was identified with this line until 1884 when he sold his interest to the Philip Flood Lumber Company, withdrawing from business activities. From that time until his demise in 1910 he lived retired. The mother is the daughter of James Langley a representative of one of the old colonial families of Pennsylvania, some of whose ancestors participated in the Revolutionary war.

Dale Alvin Woolley was reared on the farm where he was born and in Girard, where his parents removed when he was a lad of seven years. He attended the the public schools of this village until after the completion of his high school course, when he entered the Western Normal College at Bushnell, Illinois, from which institution he was awarded the degree of LL. B. with the class of 1896. While at Bushnell he was proprietor of the college book store by which means he managed to pay for his education. For two years thereafter he continued to conduct this enterprise, disposing of it in April, 1898, when he enlisted in Company D, Sixth Illinois Volunteers, at Abingdon, Illinois. He was sent to Porto Rico, where he remained for several months, being mustered out at Springfield, Illinois, in October of the same year. Returning to Bushnell he resumed the practice of law, being the successful candidate for city attorney in 1899. In 1901 he went to Lawton, Oklahoma, where he homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land and engaged in the practice of law. Later he took a position in a hardware store, retaining this until he had proved up on his land. He went to St. Louis in 1903, obtaining a position with the Simmons Hardware Company, where he remained for two years, devoting his entire attention to acquiring a full knowledge of this business. At the expiration of two years, feeling he was fully competent to undertake the responsibility of a store of his own he established a store at Tupelo, Oklahoma. Returning to Girard in 1908 he engaged in the hardware business here, soon thereafter he had the misfortune to lose his stock by fire, but almost immediately resumed business. In 1908 he purchased the hardware and furniture stock of Bowersox & Finney, continuing the business under the name of D. A. Woolley.

Girard was the scene of the marriage of Mr. Woolley on the 16th of October, 1906, to Miss Elizabeth Pearl McElvain, a daughter of Jason N. and Nancy J. (Ballinger) McElvain, natives of Kentucky who for many years have been residents of Nilwood township. Mrs. Woolley is a granddaughter of the Rev. John H. Ballinger and William McElvain, of Virginia. Two sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Woolley, both of whom died in infancy.

They affiliate with the Presbyterian church, while fraternally Mr. Woolley is identified with the Knights of Pythias, being a member of Hiawatha Lodge, No. 131, K. of P., in which he has filled all of the chairs. He also belongs to Peach Tree Camp, No. 663, of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Girard Gun Club and the Illinois Hardware Dealers' Association. Mr. Woolley votes with the republican party, but since engaging in business has not prominently participated in political activities. He is one of the capable representatives of the commercial circles of Girard, whose methods of conducting his business are such as to win the patronage of the general population. During the three years he has been conducting his store he has met with good success, each year's receipts having shown a gratifying advance over those of the preceding year.

DANIEL DICK.

Among the pioneers of Macoupin county whose memory is worthy to be revered because of their service in subjugating the wilderness and clearing the way for present civilization was Daniel Dick, who for more than forty years resided in the county and was well known in Carlinville, where he made his home for much of that time. A native of Ash county, North Carolina, he was born September 25, 1800, and was of Swiss and English lineage. His parents, John and Ann Mary (Donner) Dick, were also natives of the same state. The family was represented in the Revolutionary war by the grandfather of our subject. The father, who was a minister of the Baptist church, removed from North Carolina to Virginia and thence to Kentucky, later becoming a pioneer of Sangamon county, Illinois, where he entered land before the city of Springfield was founded. He died about 1838 at an advanced age and his grave was made at Thayer in Sangamon county. His widow survived him and was far advanced in years at the time of her demise, January 16, 1844. They had six children, Daniel, John, James, George, Mary and Elizabeth.

The grandfather of Daniel Dick was John Dick, Sr., of English descent. He married a Miss Hendricks, a relative of the Hon. Thomas A. Hendricks, of Indiana, vice president of the United States during the first administration of Grover Cleveland. The grandmother of Daniel Dick on the maternal side came to America from Switzerland and settled in Virginia. The capitol at Washington now stands on the spot that was occupied by the Huff orchard owned by the family.

Daniel Dick was three years of age when he left his native state with his parents, arriving in Simpson county, Kentucky, about 1809. About 1827 he made a trip to Illinois and later returned to Kentucky and was married in that

state. A month later he and his bride started for Illinois, becoming residents of Sangamon county in 1830. He entered land about eighteen miles south of the present site of Springfield and the town of Thayer is now located on the old homestead. With characteristic energy he began to till the soil, breaking the sod and planting the crops and thus converting his undeveloped claim into a well improved and productive farm. In 1847 he removed to Macoupin county and bought, entered and located on land three and a half miles west of Girard, continuing to reside there until 1853. He then removed to Carlinville, where he engaged in mercantile business for a short time, and then retired from business, living upon the income of his investments. It was he who set aside the plat of ground that is now known as the Dick cemetery, to be used as a burial place for the dead, giving it to the district in which it is located.

On April 29, 1830, Mr. Dick was married to Miss Susan Gates, who was born in Kentucky, September 24, 1812, a daughter of George and Susan Gates. To this union four daughters were born: Mary A. J., who married Jacob L. Plain; Permelia, who is now the wife of Charles A. Walker, of Carlinville; Susan, also of Carlinville; and Lucretia, who became the wife of Joseph B. Liston, of Carlinville.

Mr. Dick held various local offices while residing on his farm and was an advocate of honest government administered in the interest of the people. He was a great reader, a student of books and nature and, as he possessed an analytical mind and a retentive memory, he became unusually well informed on all general subjects. He was a man of sterling character and of marked enterprise and was influential in forwarding many movements for the promotion of the interests of the community, at all times evincing a spirit of fellowship, generosity and kindness. He died January 4, 1878, at the age of seventy-seven years and four months, and his departure was the occasion of general regret wherever he was known. His wife died August 7, 1853, at the age of forty years and eleven months. She was a member of the Baptist church and possessed many admirable characteristics. A refined and cultured woman, a great lover of the beautiful in nature and art, her influence always being exerted in behalf of the comfort and happiness of those with whom she was associated. The family has long been actively identified with the upbuilding and development of this section of the state, taking special interest in educational affairs.

ROBERT AYERS HANKINS, M. D.

A native of Carlinville, Dr. Robert Ayers Hankins has been known by the people of this community ever since his boyhood and it speaks in no uncertain terms as to his credit when it is stated that today he is one of the most respected men in the city. The son of a physician, he assisted his father efficiently in practice before securing a diploma, and an experience of thirty years has made him a recognized leader in the profession in this section. He was born June 20, 1848, his parents being John and Elizabeth (McKee) Hankins. The father was

a native of New Jersey and the mother of Pennsylvania. In their family were seven children, Robert, John, Charles, William, Leon, Virginia and Mary.

The father of our subject engaged in farming in his younger days and later was apprenticed to learn shoemaking. He began reading medicine in New Jersey and in the spring of 1844 came to Illinois and located at Carlinville. Here he continued the study of medicine and subsequently matriculated at Rush Medical College, Chicago. He employed his knowledge to good advantage at the time of the cholera epidemic, in 1851, and in 1855 was graduated from the Eclectic Medical College of Philadelphia. He practiced in Carlinville until his death, and was known as one of the most successful physicians in Macoupin county. He served as mayor of Carlinville in 1885 and also as a member of the Constitutional Convention of Illinois. He was an ardent lover of peace and occupied a chair as a member of the Peace Convention at Philadelphia. In his early manhood he paid considerable attention to military tactics and was a member of the State Militia of New Jersey. After the outbreak of the Civil war he drilled a number of companies in Illinois, proving very efficient in this capacity. He was not a member of any religious denomination but attended the Methodist church in which his wife held membership.

The grandfather of our subject on the paternal side was born in England and married Johanna Ayers. He emigrated to America and engaged in school teaching. In his family were three children: Davidson, Robert and John. The great-grandfather on the paternal side was a soldier in the British army. The maternal grandfather was James McKee, a native of Pennsylvania of Scotch ancestry. He gained a good reputation as a horticulturist. In his family were several children among whom were Elizabeth, James, William and Margaret.

Robert A. Hankins received his preliminary education in the public schools of Carlinville and later was graduated at the high school. He then pursued a course of four years at Blackburn University. He began the study of medicine under his father and after having prepared himself thoroughly, entered college at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1872 with the degree of M. D. Ever since leaving college he has practiced at Carlinville and among his patrons are the leading families of the city. He has kept thoroughly informed as to the great improvements and discoveries in medicine and surgery and is fully abreast of the times in a profession that calls for the clearest judgment of the most carefully trained minds.

On the 3d of June, 1875, Dr. Hankins was married to Miss Jennie Bell, a daughter of Edwin Bell, and they have three children: John, of Carlinville, who is married and is the father of one daughter, Zella; Robert, who is a graduate of the Carlinville high school and is now studying medicine; and Clara, who married Claude Speer, foreman of the Springfield Record, and is the mother of three children. Mrs. Hankins was born in Alabama. Her father was a native of Virginia and her mother of Tennessee. The family came to Illinois and first settled at Duquoin where the father died, the mother passing her closing years at Carlinville. Mrs. Hankins has lived in this city since 1866. Of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Bell seven grew to maturity: Edwin G., who served in the Union army at the time of the Civil war; Mary Tennessee; Annie; Sarah; Jennie, the wife of our subject; Emma; and Archie, who was killed in the Confederate army.

Dr. Hankins is an active and valued member of the Illinois State Eclectic Medical Society. He is not connected with any religious denomination but his wife is a member of the Baptist church. Fraternally he belongs to Mount Nebo Lodge No. 76, A. F. & A. M., and the Carlinville Lodge of Odd Fellows. In politics he is an earnest adherent of the democratic party. He has not sought public office but served as mayor of Carlinville for one term and has also been a member of the city council and of the school board. Guided by wise teachings and worthy examples, he has gained a reputation for fidelity to his profession and the honorable discharge of his responsibilities. His upright character has never been questioned and he has attained what all might well aspire to possess—an unblemished reputation.

JOHN TIVIS COLE.

Among the citizens of Macoupin county now living retired who should receive mention in a work relating to the history and development of this section is John Tivis Cole. For practically sixty years he has been a resident of this county, being recognized for a large part of the time as one of its active and progressive men. Born in Tennessee August 25, 1820, he is a son of William and Susan (Brown) Cole, both of whom were also natives of Tennessee. It is evident that he has fighting blood in his veins as his grandfather, John Cole, a native of Virginia, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and his father carried a musket in the Black Hawk war.

John T. Cole received such education as the early district schools of Tennessee afforded and continued with his parents on the home place until after reaching manhood. He engaged in agriculture and as the settlers made their own clothing from material raised on their farms, he also assisted in spinning flax and wool. In 1852, having decided to emigrate to the fertile lands north of the Ohio river, he built a flat boat and started with six families on toilsome journey of eleven weeks in search of a new home. The travelers stopped at Cairo and then proceeded up the Mississippi river with Alton as their destination. Of the six families that left Tennessee only two had the courage to proceed to the end of the journey. These two families loaded their household goods into two wagons at Alton and the journey to Macoupin county was made overland. Mr. Cole walked the entire distance from Alton and thus had a good opportunity of observing the country. He first located in Barr township where he continued until 1870, when he removed to South Otter township. He became the owner of four hundred acres of good land which he cultivated to excellent advantage until his retirement, in 1904. He assisted materially in advancing the permanent interests of the community and became known as the leader in his section. Although now in his ninety-second year he retains his strength in a remarkable degree, physically and mentally, and has the appearance of a man of sixty.

In 1846 Mr. Cole was married to Miss Elizabeth Beard, of Tennessee, a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Hall) Beard, both of whom were also born in Tennessee. To Mr. and Mrs. Cole have been born nine children and they can

also claim twenty-two grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Their children are: Mary Jane, who married John Johnson, of Barr township, and has three children; Samuel S., who lives at Carlinville and is the father of two children; Thomas, of South Otter township, who is married and has ten children; Ruth, who is the wife of R. L. Woods, of South Otter township; J. Oscar, of South Otter township, who is also married and has two children; John Wesley, also a resident of South Otter township; Lulu E., who married R. C. Adams, of South Otter township, and is the mother of one child; Everett M., of South Otter township, who is married and has a family of four children; and Ida, now Mrs. F. B. Huber, of Nilwood.

Mr. Cole is an adherent of the democratic party, of which he has been a life long supporter. He has served as highway commissioner and as member of the school board but has never aspired to public office, preferring the duties of private life. He is a sincere believer in the Bible and has for many years been a member of the Southern Methodist church, of which he is serving as steward. He represents that class of men who come to the front in what they undertake and are fearless in the discharge of any responsibility that enlists their interest. These are the men among whom may be found the pioneers in all great movements and they justly deserve the confidence and respect of all who admire courage and nobility in human character.

F. E. WEISSENBORN.

The mining interests of Macoupin county are ably represented by F. E. Weissenborn, of Staunton, superintendent of the Consolidated Coal Company's Mines. For many years he has been prominently connected with the development of the industry in this region and ranks today as one of the best informed men in the county concerning its mineral resources. He was born at Belleville, August 29, 1860, a son of Emanuel and Louisa (Kleine) Weissenborn. The father was a native of Prussia, Germany, and came to America in 1832, when he was ten years of age. He crossed the ocean in a slow-going sailing vessel and landed at New Orleans, where he remained five years, at the end of which time he took up his residence at Belleville, Illinois. He was a shoemaker by trade and engaged in that business at Belleville until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-eight years of age. He was prominent in the Masonic order and was one of the highly respected men of the community. The mother of our subject was born in Westphalia, Germany, and came to the United States with her parents when she was eight years old. She was married to Mr. Weissenborn at Belleville and died in that place in 1889, after arriving at the age of sixty-two years. There were two children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Weissenborn: Martin, who died in 1901; and F. E., the subject of this review.

After receiving the rudiments of a common-school education F. E. Weissenborn entered the coal mines and has ever since been actively connected with mining interests. He received his introduction to this industry when he was only ten years old and after seven years, feeling the need of more education, he went

to St. Louis and pursued advanced studies in the night schools, maintaining himself by working at wages in the daytime. A young man of this caliber is not likely to remain long in a subordinate position and, having qualified himself for responsibility, he was advanced through various offices in connection with mining until in 1892 he was made superintendent of the Consolidated Coal Company's mines a position which he has ever since filled to the general satisfaction of the stockholders and officers of the company. He lived for three years at Gillespie but in 1895 removed to Staunton, where he has since made his home. The company is among the most important of the kind in this part of the state, being one of the large and steady producers of coal. The output of No. 7 shaft is now one thousand tons per day and the mine gives employment to about two hundred and ten men. No. 14 shaft, which was sunk in 1903, produces three thousand tons per day and this mine employs five hundred men. Mr. Weissenborn is an excellent executive officer and possesses in an unusual degree the respect and confidence of the employes under his charge.

In 1882 he was married to Miss Tillie Erndorfer, a native of St. Louis, and they have two children, Pearl and Nannie, both of whom are at home. He is prominently connected with the Masonic order and is a member of the blue lodge and chapter at Staunton, the commandery at Litchfield and the consistory at Chicago. He and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star and he is also identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Modern American, all of which are at Staunton. He can claim many friends in the various orders with which he is connected and also throughout this part of the state, where he has been favorably known during his entire active life. Eminently just and fair as an employer, he has contributed very materially toward the mineral resources of the state of Illinois and is, therefore, entitled to a place among the real benefactors of the country.

HORACE EBERT RUTHERFORD.

Horace Ebert Rutherford, a successful representative of the agricultural interests of Macoupin county and the owner of one of the productive farms of Nilwood township, is a native of this county, born in Girard township, December 9, 1851. He is a son of Julius and Melissa (Landon) Rutherford, the former of whom was born in Kentucky and the latter in Vermont. The family on the paternal side has been traced to North Carolina, where Joseph Rutherford, the grandfather of our subject, was born. Horace Landon, the grandfather on the maternal side was a native of Vermont. The father of our subject came to Illinois in the pioneer days and took up three hundred and twenty acres of land in Nilwood township, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Mr. Rutherford, whose name stands at the head of this sketch, attended the district schools and pursued his education further at the Illinois State Normal. After leaving this institution he went with his sister to Texas and taught school, but returned in 1872 to Kirksville, Missouri, where he became a student of the normal school. In 1873 he took up his residence on the home farm, where he has

ever since continued. He has greatly improved the place until it now possesses all the accessories and conveniences of a twentieth century farm. He practices rotation of crops and has shown in business affairs an excellency of judgment which has been productive of highly satisfactory returns. In addition to the ownership of valuable farm property he is a stockholder in the Nilwood State Bank.

On the 31st of August, 1876, Mr. Rutherford was married to Miss Jemima King, a native of Palmyra township and a daughter of Wesley and Ellen (Steidly) King. To this union eight children were born: Cecil, who married Bessie Turner, of Nilwood township; Daisy, who became the wife of William Eckels, of Staunton, and has three children; Wesley, who is at home; Alta, who married William Debold, of Springfield, Illinois; and Edgar, Ruth, May, and Percy, all of whom are at home. The children were given good advantages of education and engaged in school teaching, several of them being now actively identified with that occupation. Mrs. Rutherford died in May, 1906, and on June 4, 1908, Mr. Rutherford was married to Miss Marion Morrison, a native of this state and a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Crowder) Morrison, the former of whom was born in Ireland and the latter in Illinois. By his second marriage Mr. Rutherford has two children, Marion Elizabeth and Horace E., Jr.

Mr. Rutherford early perceived the benefits of education and has throughout his active life been one of the staunch supporters of the public schools. He has also been thoroughly wide-awake to the possibilities of the great state of Illinois and has demonstrated his practical knowledge of agriculture and stock-raising, being recognized as one of the most efficient and progressive farmers of the township. Politically he is allied with the democratic party and religiously is affiliated with the Baptist church. He is a staunch believer in fraternal organizations and for many years has held membership in the Odd Fellows, being also identified with the Mutual Protective League.

NAPOLEON B. UTT.

Napoleon B. Utt, who is living retired in Shipman, Macoupin county, is a native of Ohio, his birth having occurred at Portsmouth on the 22d of May, 1826. His parents were Henry and Sarah (Hibbs) Utt, both natives of the Buckeye state, where for many years the father engaged in agricultural pursuits. During the pioneer days he removed to Alton, Illinois, and there entered government land, that he disposed of later and moved to Christian county, this state. There he again entered land upon which he resided for a time, then came to Macoupin county, where he was living at the time of his death in 1861. The mother survived for some time thereafter, her demise also occurring in this county. Henry Utt was a veteran of the war of 1812, while his father participated in the Revolution. To Mr. and Mrs. Utt were born six sons and six daughters, all of whom are deceased with the exception of William Utt of Carlinville and our subject.

Napoleon B. Utt was only a small lad when his parents brought him to Illinois and he attended the schools of Jersey county, this state, in the acquirement

of his education. Much of his time, even during his very early boyhood, was devoted to the work on the fields, as in common with all settlers in a new country they met with many hardships and misfortunes. When the war broke out in 1861 he was living at Springfield and was one of the first to volunteer his services, going to the front as a private in the First Illinois Cavalry. He participated in a number of important battles, seeing much active service, and received his discharge at Springfield at the close of the war. He proceeded to Christian county, where his family were living at that time, and once more undertook farming. Later he came to Carlinville but soon thereafter removed to Joplin, Missouri, where for thirty years he engaged in contracting and building. When ready to retire from active life he returned to Macoupin county, locating in Shipman, where he is now residing.

At Virden, Illinois, on the 22d of April, 1877, Mr. Utt and Mrs. Mattie Black Crooks, the widow of Henry Crooks, were united in marriage. Mrs. Utt is a daughter of James and Flora (McNabb) Black, and was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on the 19th of April, 1848. The father was a native of Ohio and the mother of Glasgow, Scotland, but they resided for many years in St. Louis, Missouri, where the father was a contractor. They removed from there to Godfrey, Illinois, but subsequently became residents of Carlinville, where they lived until Mr. Black's death. The mother survived until 1907, her demise occurring at Peoria, Illinois. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Black, the two sons, John of Bloomington, and Simeon of Carrollton, besides Mrs. Utt, are the only ones now living. In 1869 Miss Mattie Black was married to Henry Crooks, a native of Rushville, Illinois, and a contracting painter. Four children were born to them, two of whom are now living: Flora, now Mrs. Zellers, of Joplin, Missouri, and William Crooks, who is also a resident of that city. Mr. Crooks, who was a veteran of the Civil war, died at Virden, Illinois, in 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Utt are the parents of three children, two of whom are deceased, the third member of their family, Mrs. Julia Smith, is now a resident of Los Angeles, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Utt hold membership in the Baptist church. He also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, being identified with the Joplin Missouri post. Despite the long period of their absence from Macoupin county Mr. and Mrs. Utt have resumed many of the acquaintances and friendships of their earlier days, and are enjoying life's evening spent amid the associations of long ago.

CHARLES KLAUS.

Charles Klaus, a member of the board of directors of the Nilwood State Bank and one of the prosperous farmers of Macoupin county, can claim descent from Teutonic ancestry on both sides of the house and much of his success has been due to those habits of thrift and perseverance which are prominent traits of the German people. He is a native of Illinois, born at Nilwood June 6, 1858, a son of George and Theresa (Metz) Klaus, both of whom were born in Alsace-

Lorraine, Germany. The father, seeking to improve his condition, came to America and located at Nilwood, where he ran a shoe shop and also operated a boarding house for a number of years. In 1865 he removed to a farm in Nilwood township and devoted his attention to agriculture and stockraising there until 1880 when he took up his residence on a place nearer the village, where he died four years later. He possessed many sterling personal qualities and presented an example of industry and fidelity to worthy objects well deserving of imitation by old and young.

In the public schools of Nilwood Charles Klaus secured good advantages of education and continued at his studies until seventeen years of age. He then began devoting his entire attention to farm work under his father and remained upon the home farm until 1885, when he purchased one hundred and forty acres in Nilwood township, south of Nilwood, upon which he established his permanent home. He has been in possession of his farm for more than twenty-five years and by diligent and persistent cultivation of the fields and careful rotation of crops he produced a liberal annual income. He has made many excellent improvements, including the erection of buildings, fences, and the putting in of tile for drainage, and can claim one of the most attractive farms in this part of the county. He possesses an intimate knowledge of agriculture and stock-raising as he has been closely identified with this branch ever since his earliest recollection. He is also a stockholder and director of the Nilwood State Bank.

On March 6, 1884, in Girard township, Mr. Klaus was married to Miss Emma S. Kune, who was born in Shaws Point township, a daughter of Christian and Louisa (Kasten) Kune, both of the parents being natives of Germany.

Ever since casting his first ballot Mr. Klaus has supported the principles and candidates of the republican party. He has taken an active interest in elections and has served as highway commissioner and state game warden, displaying an ability that met the hearty approval of the people irrespective of their political affiliation. He is a strong believer in the Bible and a consistent member of the Evangelical Lutheran church. His life has been characterized by diligence, enterprise and perseverance, and no man in Nilwood township possesses in a higher degree the confidence of the people than the one whose record is herewith briefly presented.

DAVID M. THOMPSON.

Dorchester, Macoupin county, has always been the home of David M. Thompson, who has been prominently identified with local politics for more than a decade. His birth here occurred on the 14th of February, 1867, and he is the only surviving child born to William P. and Nancy F. (Grant) Thompson. The father was a native of Vermont and there he was reared and educated, later learning the carpentry trade. In his early manhood he moved to the west, settling in the vicinity of Staunton, Macoupin county, in 1854. After several years residence there he removed to Dorchester, where he continued to make his

home until his death. His energies were always devoted to contracting and building in which vocation he met with good success, being one of the able representatives of this trade in the country. For his wife and helpmate Mr. Thompson chose Miss Nancy F. Grant, who was born and reared in Macoupin county, and to them were born three sons and one daughter, in the following order of birth: Edward and Wesley, both of whom are deceased; David M., our subject; and Mary, who is also deceased. The mother still survives and makes her home in Witt, Illinois.

David M. Thompson was reared at home, attending the public schools until he was ten years of age. Terminating his studies he began his business career, entering the store of Ferdinand Meyers of Dorchester. He continued to clerk there until 1886, when Mr. Meyers turned over to him the management of his elevator and grain business in Dorchester, which position he has ever since retained. Mr. Thompson has always been a thrifty, steady employee and in addition to his other interests now owns a very comfortable residence.

On the 12th of April, 1890, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Thompson and Miss Clara B. Vanatta, and they are the parents of one son, Ira M., born in 1891. He has not yet completed his education, and is attending school.

The family affiliate with the Church of Christ, and fraternally Mr. Thompson is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is a republican and has been honored by being elected to a number of important local offices. In 1900 he was elected to the board of county supervisors, in which capacity he has ever since been retained, now being chairman of the board. He has been town treasurer for the past seven years, while he served a four-year term as collector, and he has been a school director for a period of five years. In addition to his many official duties Mr. Thompson is one of the directors of the Dorchester Telephone Company. He has always given efficient service in whatever capacity he has been retained, discharging his responsibilities with a rare sense of conscientious obligation. His name has been particularly free from any doubt as to his integrity or trustworthiness, the long period of his service in the various offices to which he has been elected giving substantial proof of the public confidence. He is widely and favorably known throughout the county and is held in high esteem, having, during the period of his public life, won and retained the friendship of many of the representative citizens.

EDWARD W. DAY.

A well kept farm of two hundred and forty acres is an indication of the business ability of Edward W. Day, of Virden township, who is also known as one of the enterprising citizens of Macoupin county. He was born in Jersey county, January 7, 1863, a son of Ira T. and Fanny (Purdy) Day, the former of whom was a native of Vermont and the latter of New York state. The father was one of the pioneers of Illinois, arriving in this state in 1835. He traveled by wagon from Vermont, as there were no railroads in the country at that time,

and about a month after he had established his home in the wilderness his horses disappeared but were afterwards found on their way back to their old home in the east, having traveled over one hundred miles before they were retaken. Mrs. Day died February 14, 1863, leaving one child, Edward W., the subject of this review, who was then only five weeks old. Mr. Day was again married, selecting as the lady of his choice Miss Catharine Magee, and to this union one child, Flora, was born. She is now the wife of Joseph Ebers, of Virden. The father died in 1906, being then well advanced in years. He was a man of many admirable traits of character and was a worthy type of the brave spirits that founded the great state of Illinois and made possible the prosperous cities and beautiful homes that now dot the country from the great lakes to the gulf.

Edward W. Day attended the public schools and under his father became thoroughly acquainted with the details pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising. He continued on the home farm until twenty-two years of age and then began business on his own account by renting one hundred and twenty acres. Soon afterwards he purchased eighty acres and has since added to his farm as his resources permitted until he is now the owner of one of the most valuable places of its size in the township. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and through the application of sound judgment he has met with merited prosperity at the same time, through his straightforward business methods, commanding confidence and respect wherever he is known.

On the 14th of April, 1886, Mr. Day was married to Miss Anna Tagg, a daughter of Thomas and Mary A. (Luckman) Tagg. The parents were both born in England and came to America, settling at Virden. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Tagg three children were born, namely: Jennie, who is the wife of James Kitner, of Jacksonville, Illinois; William, deceased; and Anna, now Mrs. Edward W. Day. Mr. and Mrs. Day are the parents of two children: Howard W., a resident of Virden; and Henrietta, who lives at home. Mr. Day has for many years taken an active interest in politics and from the time of reaching manhood has been identified with the republican party. He is a valued member of the Christian church and is connected with the Woodmen and the Anti-Horse Thief Association. He and his wife are greatly interested in all worthy movements that aim to advance the permanent welfare of the region and are highly esteemed for their genial and unselfish qualities. He is fully imbued with the progressive ideas that have made Illinois one of the richest states of the Union and is recognized as a man of fine business judgment.

HENRY W. KNEMOELLER.

Henry W. Knemoeller, who for some years has been identified with the official and public life of Carlinville, was born in Staunton, Illinois, on the 15th of August, 1874. He is one of the seven children born to Henry and Charlotte (Buecker) Knemoeller, natives of Westphalia, Germany. The father was reared and married in his native land, where he learned the tailor's trade, which he followed until he emigrated to the United States, locating in Staunton. There

he worked in the mines and followed brick making until his death in 1880, when about forty years of age. The mother passed away about two years later, thirty-four years old. Both were members of the German Evangelical church, and the father was a soldier in the Franco-Prussian war, there sustaining wounds which eventually caused his death. The paternal grandfather, Herman Knemoeller was a butcher by trade, and the father of four sons: Fred, Rudolph, Henry and Herman. He passed away at the age of eighty-nine years, having survived his wife for several years. The maternal grandfather after the death of his wife emigrated to the United States, settling in the vicinity of Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he died nearly ninety years old. During the years of his active career he devoted his energies to the carpentry trade, which he learned in his early youth.

Left an orphan at the age of eight years, Henry W. Knemoeller was reared at Fort Wayne, Indiana, by his mother's brother, Fred Buecker, until he reached his eighteenth year during which time he was a student of the public schools. In 1892 he returned to Staunton where he worked in the mines until appointed chief of police. He resigned this office at the end of four years in order to become chief deputy to Sheriff Etter, in which capacity he continues to serve. Mr. Knemoeller has proven to be a very capable and trustworthy official, discharging his duties with painstaking, conscientious recognition of the responsibilities entailed.

On the 6th of July, 1905, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Knemoeller and Mrs. Geneva Woods, the widow of William Woods and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Bruce) Gates. Mrs. Knemoeller was born in Staunton, Illinois, and her parents were also natives of this state and here they passed away. The father was a volunteer in the Union army during the Civil war. To Mr. and Mrs. Gates there were born five children: Rosa, the wife of John Berger; William; Geneva, the wife of our subject; Edward, who is deceased; and Albert. Mr. and Mrs. Knemoeller have no children, but she had four children by her former husband, namely: Robert C., Lilly, Irene and Helen.

Mr. Knemoeller affiliates with the Evangelical and his wife with the Baptist church. His fraternal relations are confined to his membership in Parnassus Lodge, No. 581, K. of P., of Staunton. Ever since granted the right of franchise upon attaining his majority he has voted with the democracy; he was constable at Staunton for four years. His record as a public official has been particularly free from any suspicion of unfaithfulness to his responsibilities, his duties always having been discharged with an efficiency that leaves no shadow of a doubt as to his honor and integrity.

WILLIAM J. BEHME.

William J. Behme, who is residing on section 22, Brushy Mound township, where he successfully engages in general farming and stock-raising, was born in Clyde, Cahokie township, Macoupin county, on the 1st of October, 1861. He is the eldest child of William C. and Catharine (Brechencamp) Behme, natives of Germany, the father having been born in Brunswick and the mother in the vicinity

of Berlin. They emigrated to America in the late forties with their parents, who located in Illinois. During the early years of his active business career William C. Behme engaged in paper hanging in St. Louis, Missouri. He withdrew from occupation after his marriage, however, and devoted his energies to farming, locating at Clyde. Two years later he removed to Brushy Mound township, renting sixty acres of land on section 22. The cultivation of this farm proved so successful that he was subsequently able to buy one hundred and twenty acres of land on sections 4 and 9 in the river bottom. There he resided for sixteen years when he removed to his father's farm, where our subject now lives. Here he passed away on the 12th of September, 1909, having survived his wife three years, her demise occurring on the 17th of March. The paternal grandfather, Julius Behme, was born in Brunswick in 1806 and died in Macoupin county in 1893, on the farm where William J. Behme now lives, his wife died in Clyde. He was a carpenter by trade, but for many years was engaged in farming in this county. To Mr. and Mrs. William C. Behme were born five children, those beside our subject, in order of birth, are: Henry, who is a farmer in Brushy Mound township, where his wife, formerly Jerusiah Emerick, was reared; Amelia, the wife of George Smith, a farmer of Plainview; Matilda, the wife of William Hacke, a farmer of Brushy Mound township; and Charlotta, who died in infancy.

Nearly the entire life of William J. Behme has been spent in Brushy Mound township, whose district schools afforded him a good, practical education, while he was being trained in agricultural methods under the capable supervision of his father. He remained at home with his parents, cultivating the old farm, until he was thirty-one years of age, when he married and began to work for himself. As his father wished to retire, he rented his farm, which he cultivated until the former's death in 1909, when he removed to the place where he now lives, formerly his grandfather's homestead. He owns eighty acres in the home place and sixty-eight acres adjoining on the west, sixteen acres of his land being natural timber, fine oak and hickory trees. He engages in general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of feeding cattle and hogs for the market.

On the 2d of November, 1892, Mr. Behme was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Taylor, daughter of William E. and Martha (Keltner) Taylor, both natives of this county, the father having been born in Gillespie township on the 27th of July, 1837, while the mother's birth occurred in Brushy Mound township. William E. Taylor engaged in agricultural pursuits in Macoupin county, where he spent his entire life with the exception of the years from 1860 to 1863 when he was prospecting in Nevada and California. He passed away on his farm on section 22, Brushy Mound township, on the 15th of June, 1906. Mrs. Taylor is living and continues to reside on the farm where she and her husband removed to in 1880. To Mr. and Mrs. Behme there have been born three daughters: Nellie May, Flossie Ellen and Grace Lillian, all of whom are attending school in district No. 110.

Mrs. Behme and her three daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Mount Pleasant, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, Carlinville Camp. In politics he is a republican and has been a school trustee in Brushy Mound township for seventeen years, while for the past two years he has been a director in school district No. 110. Mr. Behme is one of

the progressive and enterprising citizens of the township whose energy and enthusiasm is not all consumed in the development of his personal interests but is also expended in advancing the public affairs of the community.

WILLIAM P. KALEHER.

William P. Kaleher, who engages in farming in Brushy Mound township, was born in Greene county, Illinois, on the 18th of May, 1862. His parents, Patrick and Margaret (Dolan) Kaleher, were born, reared and married in County Clare, Ireland. In the paternal line, however, the family is of German extraction, Great-great-grandfather Kaleher having emigrated from that country to Ireland, where his children were born. Patrick Kaleher emigrated to the United States in 1840, being followed five years later by his wife. He located in Greene county, Illinois, upon his arrival in this country, renting what was known as the Judge Woodson farm, three miles west of Carrollton. This farm contained two hundred acres of land in the cultivation of which he engaged for ten years. At the expiration of that period he removed to the Bowman farm, where the son William P. was born, and there he resided for seventeen years. He removed to Carrollton for two years, after which he came to Macoupin county. Here he bought one hundred and twenty acres of land in Polk township that he was cultivating when he passed away in 1891. His wife left the farm and went to Kansas City, Missouri, to live with her daughter, Mrs. Mary McNerney, and there she passed away in 1905. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Kaleher numbered ten: Bridgett, the wife of John Conole, a farmer of Douglas county, Kansas; Michael, who is engaged in the hotel business in Chicago; Patrick, who is farming in Shaws Point township, this county; Mary, the widow of the late Thomas McNerney, a real estate dealer of Kansas City, Missouri; Margaret, the wife of M. Vaughn, a retired real estate man of Kansas City, Missouri; James, a farmer of Shaws Point township; Daniel, who is also engaged in farming in Shaws Point township; William P., our subject; Annie, the widow of P. J. Carmody, a farmer of Carrollton, Illinois; and Emma, the wife of George Cunningham, also a farmer of Carrollton, Illinois.

William P. Kaleher was reared in Greene county, whose public and district schools equipped him educationally for the responsibilities of life. He remained on the farm with his parents until he was twenty-five years of age, the supervision and cultivation of the land entirely devolving upon him after the retirement of his father. After his marriage in 1888 he went to Kansas, where he farmed for four years. Returning to Illinois he rented a farm three miles east of Plainview that he cultivated until 1894 when he came to Brushy Mound township and rented the J. C. Anderson farm, where he lived for ten years. In March, 1905, he came to the Frank McClure place, containing one hundred and sixty acres, and here he has ever since resided.

Mr. Kaleher's plans for a home of his own had their culmination in his marriage on the 18th of August, 1888, to Miss Etta Ambrose, a daughter of W. E. and Parmelia (Pruitt) Ambrose, the father a native of Macoupin county and the mother of Jersey county, this state. Mr. Ambrose is of Dutch and Irish descent

but his wife was an American. They resided on a farm in this county until her death in December, 1910, since which time he has been living retired in Plainview. To Mr. and Mrs. Kaleher have been born five children: William Edward, who is living at home; Lillian B., the wife of M. Neylor, clerk of the Board of Review of Sawyersville, Illinois and the mother of one son, John M., Jr.; and May, Edna and John J., all of whom are still at home.

The family are all communicants of the Roman Catholic church of Carlinville, and politically Mr. Kaleher is a democrat. He has always taken an active interest in all township affairs and acted as assessor in Brushy Mound for two terms and is now serving his second term as township supervisor; who living in Polk township he held the office of collector for one term. Mr. Kaleher is a pleasant man, his genial manner and cordiality winning him many friends, whose loyalty he has the faculty of retaining.

WILSON H. KIRKLAND.

The success which has rewarded the efforts of Wilson H. Kirkland, of Shaws Point township, as a farmer and live-stock raiser, is the result of his good judgment in following the business which he understands and to which he has devoted his best thought and energy. Born in Montgomery county, Illinois, June 26, 1856, he is now fifty-five years of age and is the owner of a highly productive farm in Macoupin county and also of a section of good land in Kansas, both of which he acquired through his own efforts. He is a son of John B. and Sarah (Sanders) Kirkland, the former of whom was born in Missouri and the latter in Virginia. The father came to Illinois with his parents in pioneer days and was reared and educated in Jersey county. After arriving at maturity he engaged in farming and purchased eighty acres of land in Montgomery county, which he cultivated for six years. He then came to Macoupin county and bought eighty acres in Shaws Point township, upon which he made many improvements. He succeeded and became the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of land in this section. In 1887 he retired and has since made his home at Litchfield, being now seventy-nine years of age. The mother is still living and has reached the age of seventy-seven.

Wilson H. Kirkland was brought to Macoupin county by his parents when he was eight years old. In the public schools of Montgomery and Macoupin counties he secured his preliminary education and carried his studies further at Blackburn University, in Carlinville, during the winter of 1877-78. He taught school in the country for one year but the life of a schoolmaster did not prove very attractive to a man of his energetic temperament. After his marriage he rented land of his father, which he cultivated to good advantage for five years and then purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Shaws Point township, which was partly improved. He erected good buildings, set out fruit and shade trees and made many other improvements which greatly added to the appearance and value of the place. He cultivates the grains and also raises good grades of stock for which he has no difficulty in finding a ready market. He

usually keeps fifteen head of horses, forty head of sheep and eighty to one hundred head of hogs. He is unusually successful as a hog raiser and is a strong advocate of the Poland China breed which is found to be thoroughly adapted to the conditions prevailing in Macoupin county. Five years ago he sold eighty acres of his farm and bought six hundred and forty acres in Kansas, which is steadily advancing in value.

In March, 1880, Mr. Kirkland was married to Miss Sarah C. Fuller, a daughter of R. A. and Dena (Smith) Fuller. The father was born in Kentucky and the mother in Germany. He emigrated to Jersey county, Illinois, but came to Macoupin county in 1859 and purchased land in Shaws Point township upon which he established his homestead. He died in October, 1907, but his widow is still living and has arrived at the age of seventy-five years. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland, namely: Ethel May, who married Rev. Melles Madden and resides at Fairmont, Illinois; Grace B., the wife of J. S. Padfield, of the state of Washington; and Arthur Roy, now twenty-five years of age, who is living at home.

Ever since he cast his first ballot Mr. Kirkland has adhered to the republican party. He is recognized as a man of sound judgment as is indicated by his election to the office of township assessor, a position he is now holding. He has also served as township collector, supervisor, and for twenty years as a member of the school board. He is a sincere believer in the authority of the Bible, of which he has been a lifelong student, and he and his family are earnest members of the Methodist church. In his business life he has ever aimed to be just and fair and by his straightforward course extending over several decades he has reflected credit upon the honorable calling he represents and upon the state and county of which he is a worthy citizen. Fraternally Mr. Kirkland is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America.

SAMUEL MARTIN WELTON.

Samuel Martin Welton, of South Otter township, comes of good Revolutionary stock and also can claim descent from worthy pioneer ancestry. He was born in Bird township, October 31, 1845, and has spent his entire life amidst the scenes with which he was familiar in his boyhood. His parents were Samuel and Emmeline (Stoddard) Welton and were both born in Connecticut, where the Welton family has long been known, some of the earlier members having participated in behalf of the colonies in the Revolutionary war. The parents came to Illinois and settled in Macoupin county in the '30s. The father engaged in farming in Bird township until 1848 and then moved to Carlinville township. He died on the old homestead, in 1898, having worthily performed his duty as one of the upbuilders of the county.

The public schools of Carlinville afforded opportunity for the early educational training of Samuel M. Welton and, being a youth of energy and ambition, he made good use of the advantages there offered. He assisted his father on the home place from the time of leaving school until the spring of 1863,

when he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-third Illinois Volunteers, as a private. His regiment was assigned to guard duty so that he was never called upon to participate in any of the battles or movements of the war. After receiving his discharge he resumed work upon the home farm. In 1867 he came to South Otter township and purchased ninety acres which he cultivated to good advantage and he is now the owner of three hundred and thirty acres in one of the most fertile sections of the county. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising and the orderly appearance of the place is proof of careful attention to details and the interest he takes in life's work. His labors are rewarded by abundant harvests and he is numbered among the enterprising and intelligent agriculturists of the community. He takes a great interest in promoting the permanent welfare of the community and is a stockholder and director of the Nilwood State Bank.

On March 31, 1870, Mr. Welton was married in Shaws Point township to Miss Helen Z. Robley, who was born in Greene county, this state. She is a daughter of Henry and Caroline (Griswold) Robley, both of whom were born in Vermont, and a granddaughter of Richard Robley, of the Green Mountain state. Descendants of the Robley family participated in the Revolutionary war and the name is inseparably identified with the history of Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Welton are the parents of five children, namely: Neva, now Mrs. William Johnson, of Oregon, and the mother of three children; Charles, of South Otter township, who married Mary Ford and has one child; Carrie, who is the wife of John Sells, of Missouri, and the mother of six children; and Fred and Samuel, both of whom are at home.

Mr. Welton is a patriotic citizen and his study of politics led him many years ago to adopt the principles of the republican party as a safe guide in casting his ballot. He served for many years as school director and also has filled the office of road supervisor of his township. In religious faith he adheres to the Baptist church and is now a trustee of the church at Hickory Point, proving by his influence and example that he is a worthy follower of the Master. He has through life practiced industry and temperance, and, being a man of sound business judgment, he has managed his affairs to excellent advantage. He was fortunate in the selection of a wife and to her aid and encouragement he owes much of his success.

H. H. HOPPER.

H. H. Hopper, a well known plumber and machinist of Staunton, comes rightly by his trade, as his father was in the same line of business for a number of years and the talents of the parent were inherited in a goodly measure by the son. He is a native of Illinois, born in Montgomery county, June 29, 1871, his parents being Jerry R. and Rebecca (Royland) Hopper. The father was a native of Greensboro, North Carolina, and the mother of Virginia. Mr. Hopper learned the plumbing trade, in which he was engaged at the outbreak of the Civil war. Having been born in the south, he was in hearty sympathy with the Confederate

cause and enlisted in the army, serving throughout the entire war. He engaged in many of the principal battles and movements and was present at the first battle of Bull Run and at Gettysburg. Being a skilled marksman, he was selected as a sharpshooter and served under General Wade Hampton, and was in Lee's army at the time of the surrender at Appomattox. In 1868, like thousands of young men of the south, he came west and located in Montgomery county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming. He died upon the home farm in 1889, his wife having passed away three years earlier. The grandfather of our subject at the outbreak of the Civil war was the owner of thirty-six slaves. There were thirteen children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hopper, the youngest of whom died in infancy. The others were: Agnes, who is now deceased; Anna, who is the wife of Fred Huber, of Granite City, Illinois; Addie, the wife of F. N. Pacely of Montgomery county, Illinois; H. H., of this review; Beulah, who married Edward Osborn, of Redmond, Iowa; William, who is deceased; Jerry, of Granite City; Eugene, a machinist of Coffeen; Hattie, who is the wife of J. Savage, of Coffeen; Ruby, who married Charles Nimmons, of Litchfield, Illinois; Bertha, the wife of Edward Adkins, of St. Louis, Missouri; and Catherine, who married William Hoffman, of Seattle, Washington.

Mr. Hopper, whose name introduces this sketch, attended the common schools and continued at home until sixteen years of age. He learned the plumber's trade and traveled extensively in various parts of the country, working as plumber, engineer, electrician and machinist and becoming thoroughly acquainted with the various branches named. In 1895 he located at Staunton, where he opened a plumbing establishment, and does all kinds of work connected with plumbing, heating, automobile repairing, etc. He carries a complete line of supplies and his shop is one of the best equipped of the kind in this part of the state. He has prospered in his business and each year witnesses a gratifying increase in patronage.

In 1898 Mr. Hopper was married to Augusta Fritz, a daughter of Edmond Fritz, a pioneer of Staunton. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order, holding membership in the blue lodge, chapter and commandery. He and his wife are also members of the Order of the Eastern Star. A man of good business judgment, prompt, energetic and efficient, he has made a success of his calling and his patrons are numbered among the best citizens of the city and surrounding country. His wife has proved a worthy helpmeet and companion and their home is a favorite gathering place of friends and acquaintances, who are always assured of a cordial greeting.

WILLIAM T. CLOWER.

Among the substantial farmers of Macoupin county who are performing their share in the development of the agricultural resources of this section may be named William T. Clower. He was born near Springfield, Sangamon county, Illinois, December 25, 1857, a son of Lucien C. M. and Anne (Tompkins) Clower, the former of whom was born in New Jersey about 1830. The Clower family settled in New Jersey in Colonial times and William Clower, the grandfather of

our subject, was born in that state about 1800, being a member of a family of thirteen children. He grew to manhood in his native state and about 1845 started west with his family, stopping for three years on the Miami river settlement in Ohio. Resuming his journey, in 1848, he arrived in Illinois and spent a year in Jersey county, near Jerseyville. He then removed to Christian county and entered government land near the site of the present town of Zenobia. He became one of the large landowners of the county and passed the remainder of his life upon the home place. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clower, namely: Abraham, of Morrisonville, Illinois, who is now deceased; Lucien C. M., the father of our subject; Anne, who is the widow of David Compton, of Morrisonville; Thomas, who made his home in Morrisonville and is now deceased; Leah, the wife of Neal Christopher, of Auburn; John, a resident of Chanute, Kansas; and Rachel, who married Charles H. Hill, of Morrisonville, and is now deceased. Thomas and John were both soldiers in the Union army at the time of the Civil war. The former participated in the Atlanta campaign and the latter was for four years in the army. He was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga but resumed his place in the ranks after recovery and continued with his regiment until the close of the Rebellion.

Lucien C. M. Clower received a preliminary education in the district schools of Christian county and continued under the parental roof until after reaching maturity. He began farming on his own account in Sangamon county but about 1860 sold his place and purchased eighty acres on section 33, Shipman township, Macoupin county, later acquiring more land on sections 27 and 34. He became the owner of three hundred and twenty acres in this county and forty acres in Christian county. He was well acquainted with Abraham Lincoln for whom he had a profound regard and employed Mr. Lincoln as his attorney. He married Miss Anne Tompkins, a daughter of William Tompkins, a native of New Jersey and one of the early settlers of Jersey county, Illinois. To this union seven children were born: George, a resident of Piasa, Illinois; William T., the subject of this review; Eva, the wife of C. Hill, of Morrisonville; John, who resides at Bunker Hill, Illinois; Anna, who married Frank Keas, of Chanute, Kansas; Edward F., of Fairmont, Nebraska; and Edna, who is the wife of G. G. Green, of Shipman, Illinois.

William T. Clower possessed advantages of education in the public schools and as he grew to manhood assisted in the various operations upon the home farm, continuing there until twenty-eight years of age. He then went to Hugoton, Stevens county, Kansas, and proved up on a tree and homestead claim. He returned to Illinois about 1890 and purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 27 of Shipman township, on which he has since made his home. He also owns fourteen acres of woodland near Shipman and still retains three hundred and twenty acres in Kansas. He has greatly improved his home farm and he and his family occupy a comfortable residence which is surrounded by one of the most attractive groves in this part of the county.

Mr. Clower married Miss Ella Deahl, a daughter of Adam Deahl, record of whom is presented elsewhere in this work in the sketch of Henry C. Deahl. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Clower, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: William, who is thirteen years of age; Gladys, aged seven years;

and Annetta, who is three years of age. Mr. Clower was early made acquainted with labor and ever since his boyhood has been an active and efficient worker. As he uses good judgment in whatever he undertakes his efforts have yielded gratifying returns and he is now blessed with a competency. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order and politically he adheres to the republican party. An earnest believer in education, he has served faithfully for thirty years as school director. He takes a deep interest in the welfare of the community and is now filling the office of president of the Mutual Telephone Company, a farmers organization, which is one of the most useful and popular enterprises the region has known. It is entirely within the bounds of truth to say that no man in the township stands higher in the estimation of the people than the one whose name introduces this review.

R. K. ALDERSON.

R. K. Alderson, now living retired but for many years identified with the agricultural activities of North Palmyra township, was born in North Otter township, Macoupin county, on the 20th of February, 1849. His parents were Robert and Elizabeth (Clarke) Alderson, who were natives of Tennessee but were married in Kentucky. They were among the first settlers of the county, locating on government ground which Mr. Alderson cleared and cultivated until 1890, when he and his wife removed to Kansas. There Mrs. Alderson passed away in 1894, but he survived for three years thereafter, his demise occurring at the age of seventy-four years. He always took a deep interest in all public questions and political issues and voted for the democratic party.

The family in common with other pioneers shared in the hardships and privations incident to life on the frontier, and at the age of eight years R. K. Alderson began to assist with the work on the fields and the care of the stock. Such education as he acquired was obtained during the brief and somewhat irregular period of the district school, which he attended during the winter sessions at such times as his services were not required at home. In 1869 he came to North Palmyra township and settled on two hundred and forty acres of land owned by his wife. The cultivation proved lucrative and he was able to add to his tract from time to time until he had acquired five hundred acres, all of which he improved and brought to a high state of cultivation. In connection with the tilling of his fields Mr. Alderson made a specialty of the feeding of stock for the market, netting him a very gratifying income. Although he and his wife still continue to reside upon their homestead, he has withdrawn from active farm work, having rented his land, and is now living practically retired. He has been most successful in his undertakings and in addition to his own extensive holdings he has presented each of his children with a one hundred and twenty acre tract of land.

In North Otter township on the 20th of February, 1868, was celebrated the marriage of R. K. Alderson and Miss Lucy Nevins, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Sims) Nevins. The father was a native of Kentucky and the mother of Tennessee but they were long residents of Macoupin county and here they both passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Alderson were born the following children:

Minnie, who married Edward Walkington, a farmer of North Palmyra township, and has one child; Mrs. Robert Chapman, whose husband is a farmer of North Palmyra township, and who has five children; Maude, deceased; Mettie, who became the wife of Owen Nevins, a farmer of North Palmyra township, and has one daughter; Mattie, who married a Mr. Trumbell, also a farmer of this township; Millie, who married Steve Chandley, who is cultivating a farm adjacent to that of her parents, and has two children; Melvin, who is married and living on a farm in North Otter township; and Myrtle, the wife of Howard Plowman, a farmer.

In political belief Mr. Alderson is a staunch democrat, considering the policy of that party best adapted to subserve the interests of the majority, while in matters of faith both he and his wife affiliate with the Christian church, the principles of which have ever served to guide their daily lives.

JOSEPH COY.

The state of Indiana has contributed many intelligent and enterprising sons to Illinois and among the number may be named Joseph Coy, the owner of a highly productive farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Nilwood township. As a soldier for the Union he valiantly discharged his duty at the time of the Civil war and as a private citizen he has displayed an ability and energy which have produced gratifying returns. He was born on a farm in Elkhart county, Indiana, October 15, 1846, a son of John and Hannah Coy, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania.

At an early age Mr. Coy of this review was left an orphan and had very little opportunity of education, his principal training being received in the great school of the world. At the age of fourteen he began working as a farm hand and so continued until 1864, when he enlisted in Company F, Seventy-fourth Indiana Volunteers, as a private and was sent to the front, participating in a number of important engagements during the closing years of the war. He was honorably mustered out of service at Washington, D. C., in July, 1865, after gaining in the army many lessons that proved of great practical value to him in after life. He returned to Indiana and resumed farm work, continuing there until 1867, when he came to Girard township, Macoupin county, Illinois, and found employment at monthly wages upon a farm. In 1871, having accumulated sufficient capital, he purchased forty acres of productive land in Nilwood township and applied himself with such good judgment that he became the owner of one hundred and twenty acres, which he has greatly improved, making his place one of the most productive of its size in this section. He has for many years been numbered among the active and progressive men of the community.

On the 29th of December, 1871, Mr. Coy was married to Miss Fannie Smith, of Girard township, a daughter of Elisha and Susan (Eaves) Smith, natives respectively of Tennessee and Illinois. To this union three children were born: Della, now Mrs. B. R. Burton, of Hoopeston, Illinois, and the mother of three

children; Lula, who married J. A. Clark and is now living on the home farm; and Nona, who is at home.

Politically Mr. Coy has from the time of reaching his majority given his earnest support to the republican party. He has served for twenty-one years as member of the school board and four years as justice of the peace. He is a consistent member of the Methodist church, in which he is now filling the office of steward. He is a man of highly social disposition and has gained many friends who admire him for his sterling qualities. He is a believer in a high moral standard in public as well as private life and by his integrity and adherence to worthy ideals has assisted materially in advancing the happiness of those with whom he is associated. Today he is known as one of the prosperous agriculturists of this section—a position he earned by many years of conscientious effort.

HERBERT ASHBEL DAVID.

One of Macoupin county's well known native sons is Herbert Ashbel David, who has recently become assistant agent for the Illinois Traction System. His natal day was the 1st of February, 1872, and he is the only child of Ashbel George and Eliza A. (Ingraham) David. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and a son of Jesse and Barbara (Pentzer) David. The first ten or twelve years of his life were passed in the Keystone state whence he moved with his parents to Illinois. They located on a farm in the western part of Macoupin county, but later removed to a place in the vicinity of Bunker Hill. There they resided for many years, but Jesse David was living in Bunker Hill at the time of his demise which occurred at a ripe old age. Mrs. David was living in Lincoln, Illinois, when she passed away in the seventy-eighth year of her life. Their family consisted of the following: Ashbel George; Jacob P.; Lewis D.; Jane, the widow of Charles Winans, of Lincoln, Nebraska; George, who was lost during the Civil war; Samuel W., who is a resident of Carlinville; and another daughter and son.

Ashbel George David taught school for a time in his early manhood, withdrawing from this profession to clerk in a store in Gillespie and later in Bunker Hill. He subsequently engaged in the commission business in St. Louis, and during the war he was a sutler's clerk on a gunboat in the Mississippi river. For a time he canvassed for the Caldwell County (Missouri) Sentinel, during which time he wrote a history of Mormonism. About 1869 he returned to Macoupin county, taking a position with Edwards & Kimball, editors of the Carlinville Free Democrat. Later he bought Mr. Edwards' interest in this publication, which for some time thereafter was conducted by Kimball & David. The former subsequently disposed of his rights to Mr. David also, who edited the paper from then until September, 1900, when he sold it after a continuous editor-and-ownership of thirty-one years. Subsequently he engaged in the insurance business with his son, our subject for about two years, when they bought the Scott County Herald, at Winchester, Illinois, which they ran for four or

five years, during which time the father bought The Girard Anchor owning this paper for two and a half years. Withdrawing from all newspaper work he then devoted himself entirely to the insurance and pension business in Carlinville until his demise on the 2d of December, 1891.

Mr. David was twice married, of his first union there was born one son, Frederick E., who is now living near Morgan Hill, in the vicinity of San Jose, California. His second wife, the mother of our subject, was the widow of Thomas E. Stagg, by whom she had a son and a daughter. The son, Charles, died when a lad of about nine years, and the daughter, Emma E., who is also deceased, became the wife of Frederick E. David. Frederick E. and Emma E. (Stagg) David were the parents of two children: Jean, who was killed in a railroad accident in Baird, Texas and Helen, who is living in Carlinville. Mrs. A. G. David still survives and continues to make her home in Carlinville. She is a member of the Presbyterian church with which her husband was also affiliated. Mrs. David is a native of New York state and she came west to Ohio and from there to Illinois with her family during the pioneer days. Mr. and Mrs. Ingraham, Mrs. David's parents, had a large family, namely: Julia, the wife of John Brooks; Melissa, who is deceased; Celeste, who married a Mr. Dierkes; Mattie, the widow of Rev. Kinsman, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Eliza A., a resident of Mason City, Illinois; Norman, who is living in the same place; and Mary, the wife of Eagan Dierkes. Both, Mr. and Mrs. Ingraham are deceased, she passing away at Mason City.

Herbert Ashbel David has always made his home in Carlinville, to whose public schools he is indebted for his preliminary education. He graduated from the high school in 1888 and later pursued a collegiate course in the Blackburn University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1895, being awarded the only diploma bearing the degree of bachelor of literature at that time granted. After the completion of his education he became associated with his father in newspaper work; having previously learned the printer's trade he was able to assist either in the composing or editorial department. He continued in this vocation for several years, until he changed to the insurance business, with which he is still identified. In connection with his agency he is discharging the duties of a pension agent and assistant agent for the Illinois Traction System.

On the 18th of June, 1909, Mr. David was united in marriage to Miss Nina A. Smith, a daughter of James M. and Frances (Landiss) Smith. Mrs. David was born at "The Maples" four miles east of Carrollton, in which vicinity her mother was also born, while the father is a native of Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had the following children: Nina A.; Arthur, who is deceased; Harry W.; Grace, the wife of Charles R. Farrelly; and Helen, Laura and Philip, all of whom are at home. The parents are both living and together with their three youngest children continue to make their home on the old farm. To Mr. and Mrs. David have been born three children: Herbert, Francis and Herbert James, the first two died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. David both hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, while fraternally he is identified with Oriental Lodge, No. 95, of the Knights of Pythias, of which he is past chancellor, and the Carlinville Camp of

the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is a republican, and has several times been secretary of the county central committee, and is now acting as assistant secretary. He is a member of the Illinois Press Association and served as treasurer of that organization for four years. Mr. David is one of the enterprising and popular business men of Carlinville, his estimable qualities having won him many loyal friends.

HENRY ROSS ETTER.

Age has seemed no bar to a successful career in the case of Henry Ross Etter, owner and publisher of the Weekly Transcript, who was born in South Palmyra, Macoupin county, on the 17th of July, 1882. He is of German extraction on the paternal side, his great-grandfather, Henry Etter, having been a native of the fatherland, where he engaged in farming for a time. He came to Virginia in 1783, and later located in Tennessee, where he married Miss Eliza Parks, a native of Anderson county, that state. In 1826 he came to Illinois, locating in Green county, near Carrollton, where he entered land at one dollar and a quarter per acre. Thereon he erected a log cabin, which remained his home for about a decade. The year 1836 witnessed his arrival in Macoupin county. He settled in Western Mound township where he erected a good dwelling in which he resided until the time of his death in 1853. He was numbered among the early settlers of this county. His son, Henry Etter, Jr., was born in Anderson county, Tennessee, May 14, 1820, and was but five years of age when brought to Illinois by his parents. He was reared amid pioneer conditions and remained with his parents until his marriage. He was a hatter by trade, but purchasing land from the government he located upon it and made his home in a log cabin for a number of years. This was prior to the introduction of the railroad into this territory and he was compelled to drive to Alton to obtain provisions and market his produce. He continued his residence in Macoupin county until his death, covering a period of sixty years. Miss Estereen Elizabeth Davidson, a daughter of Ellis Davidson, became his wife and both of them were natives of Kentucky. The father was a son of Rev. John Davidson, a Baptist minister of Greene county, Illinois, who also engaged in farming for a time. His son, Ellis Davidson, was reared in the state of his nativity but passed his last years in Christian county, Illinois. Mrs. Estereen Etter, the grandmother of Henry Ross Etter, was a very skilled spinner and wove all of the cloth for the family use. By her marriage to Henry Etter, Jr., she became the mother of four children, as follows: George, who married Miss Mary C. McCoy; James, the father of our subject; Smith, who wedded Miss Julia R. Range; and Elijah, who married Miss Kate Hulse.

James Etter, father of Henry Ross Etter, was born in South Palmyra township, Macoupin county, on the 21st of July, 1848, and in the district schools of this county acquired his education. He remained on the home farm until after his marriage, when he took up his abode on one of his father's farms. He was a well known figure in political circles of this county, giving stalwart

support to the democratic party, and for a number of years served as constable, road commissioner, township clerk and collector and assessor of the township. He was married, on the 30th of October, 1873, to Miss Julia F. Richie, also a native of this county and a daughter of Eli W. Richie. Unto this union were born six children.

Henry Rose Etter, whose name introduces this sketch, was the fourth of his family in order of birth, and in the common schools of Palmyra acquired a preparatory training, passing through consecutive grades until graduation from the high school. He also had the advantage of study at Drake University, at Des Moines, and made the best possible use of his opportunities for mental training. His first step in the business world was as a teacher, being engaged in that profession for four years and then, at the expiration of that period, he turned his attention to the printing and newspaper business. In 1903 he became employed as editor and manager of the Weekly Transcript at Palmyra, and his time was thus occupied until the 1st of March, 1909, when he purchased that paper of which he has since been the owner and publisher. It is a well known fact that the progressive journal has much to do with shaping thought and action and the editor who closely studies the signs of the times may stand in a position of leadership in relation to many public affairs and projects. This Mr. Etter has fully realized, and in the publication of his paper has introduced such a policy as is making the Transcript a potent force in the community for improvement and advancement along various lines.

On the 18th of May, 1905, Mr. Etter was united in marriage to Miss Laura G. Thompson, a daughter of Samuel Thompson, deceased, who during his active lifetime followed the occupation of farming. Unto this union have been born two children, Florence Evelyn and Lorton Dale.

The religious belief of Mr. Etter is that of the Christian church, while fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 348, of Palmyra, of which he is serving as district deputy. In his political views Mr. Etter has been a lifelong democrat and has taken an active and helpful interest in the party work, serving as clerk of South Palmyra township. He stands at all times for that which is progressive in citizenship, never permitting a feeling of partisanship to affect the just policy of his paper nor the loyal performance of public duties. In all relations of life he has been found reliable and trustworthy, and although numbered among the younger business men of this locality, has already won an enviable place for himself among the influential and representative citizens of North Palmyra township.

E. C. MEYER.

E. C. Meyer, who is associated with his brother in conducting a moving picture theatre in Staunton, was born in this town on the 19th of February, 1880, a son of Ernest and Matilda (Underbrink) Meyer. His father was born in Germany on the 23d of February, 1845, emigrating to the United States in 1851 with his parents who located in Madison county, Illinois. There he was

educated, remaining with his people until he had attained his majority, when he began his independent career as a farmer. In 1873 he removed with his wife and family to Dorchester township, Macoupin county, continuing to be identified with agricultural pursuits until four years ago, when he retired to Staunton, where he and his wife continue to reside. There were born eight children to them: William, who is a resident of Staunton; Henry, who is living in Dorchester township; Lewis, who is deceased; E. C., our subject; Charles, Mary and John, all of whom are deceased; and Joseph, who is residing at home.

Reared at home in the acquirement of his education E. C. Meyer attended the public schools of Staunton, remaining under the parental roof until he was twenty-one years of age. In 1901 he enlisted in the United States navy and after three months spent in training went on a four years' cruise. While at sea he visited practically every great port of the civilized world, and advanced himself from a private to a third-class petty officer. Having a great fondness for mechanics and electricity he devoted much of his spare time to study along these lines. At the expiration of his period of enlistment he returned to Staunton, taking a position in the undertaking establishment of Henry Hockman. Later he became a motorman, subsequently filling a position as operator in a moving picture theatre. Discovering how lucrative the business was, he became associated with his brother, William J., and they established a theatre here. They have met with most excellent success in this venture and have started excavating for a new theatre.

Mr. Meyer was married in 1907 to Miss Mary Paul and they have become the parents of three children: Paul, Elva and Tillie.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer manifest their religious faith by their affiliation with the Lutheran church, in the faith of which they were reared.

JOHN CRITTENDEN ANDERSON.

The descendants of the early settlers take just pride in the noble work accomplished by their parents and there are some families in Macoupin county that can claim several generations of residence in this section. In the number is the Anderson family, the early members of which arrived in this region in the opening years of the nineteenth century and during all the period that has elapsed men and women of this worthy pioneer stock have contributed their share toward the development of the county.

John Crittenden Anderson, who represents the third generation of the family in Macoupin county, was born in Shaws Point township July 1, 1867. He is a son of William C. and Mary A. (Anderson) Anderson, both of whom were born in Carlinville township. The grandfathers of our subject were William C. Anderson and James C. Anderson, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. The father was born in 1828 on a farm where Carlinville now stands and his father, who also bore the name of William C. Anderson, was the first blacksmith of Macoupin county and also one of the first settlers. The father was left an orphan at the age of fourteen and was reared by an uncle, H. E. Ed-

wards, with whom he continued until nineteen years of age. He was married to Mary A. Anderson in 1855 and they took up their home in Shaws Point township where the father engaged in farming for forty-five years. He died in 1900, having attained a position as one of the substantial men of the township. In politics he was an adherent of the democratic party. He never aspired to public office but served very acceptably as school director in his district.

John C. Anderson attended the district schools of Shaws Point township and continued under the parental roof until after arriving at manhood. He assisted his father on the home farm from 1886 to 1888 and then associated with his brother, Henry M., in cultivating land in Nilwood township. In 1890 he returned to the home place but a year later moved to South Otter township and established his home on a farm of one hundred and eighty-one and one-half acres, which is now one of the well cultivated and highly productive properties of the township. He has made a specialty of feeding cattle for the market and sells a number each year, thus adding to his income. He is also interested in the banking business and is vice president of the Nilwood State Bank, one of the well established institutions of this part of the county.

On December 3, 1891, Mr. Anderson was married in Nilwood township to Miss Melissa A. Fite, a native of Montgomery county, Illinois. She is a daughter of William C. and Rebecca (Kountz) Fite, the former of whom was born in Tennessee and the latter in Virginia. Her grandfathers, Alius Fite and Elias Kountz, were both born in Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of three children, William Coy, Almyr Orin and Estelle Crittenden.

Mr. Anderson is identified with Nilwood Lodge, No. 3600, M. W. A., and has served as its advisor. He is also a member of the local branch, No. 223, of the United Horse Thief Association, and the confidence in which he is held by his neighbors and friends is indicated by the fact that he has served as secretary of this organization ever since it was established. Politically he adheres to the democratic party and has served as highway commissioner for six years, also for three years as a member of the school board. He is a man of high character and, starting in life with worthy ideals, has lived to witness their realization. He possesses the respect of a large circle of friends and acquaintances who admire him for his attractive personal qualities.

JAMES MONROE BOSTON.

The third generation of the Boston family in Macoupin county finds a worthy representative in James Monroe Boston, who was born in Nilwood township, November 19, 1850, and has been a resident of the county during his entire life. He is a son of Benjamin A. and Martha E. (Parker) Boston, the former of whom was born in Indiana in 1815 and the latter in Virginia. The grandfather on the paternal side was Beverly B. Boston, a native of Virginia. The father of our subject was one of the pioneers of Macoupin county, arriving here with his parents in 1832. He engaged successfully in farming and continued in his adopted home until his death, which occurred in 1873.

James Monroe Boston secured his preliminary education in the district schools of Nilwood township. He devoted his attention to the home farm from 1868 until 1871 and, having then arrived at maturity, began farming upon his own account. He has applied himself as a general farmer and stock-raiser and by skilful management has made steady headway in his calling, being regarded as one of the most thorough farmers in this section. He takes a lively interest in the promotion of worthy enterprises and is a stockholder in the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company and a member of the board of directors of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company.

On the 25th of January, 1871, Mr. Boston was married, in Barton county, Missouri, to Miss Phoebe J. Hinkle, who was born in Ohio, a daughter of Jacob B. and Mary Hinkle, both of whom were natives of the Buckeye state. Seven children have come to this union: James B., of Montgomery county, who married Fannie M. Brown and has four children, Roy Monroe, Clyde, Lola and Dessie; Lee B., of Nilwood township, who married Mary Gilbert and also has four children, Wilma, Wilbum, Mary Lee and Alice; Herbert E., of Nilwood township, who married Fanny Weller and has one son, Walter; Fred E., also of Nilwood township, who married Luetta Grimmet, by whom he has three children, Blanche, Ruth and Andrey; Oscar L., of Nilwood township, who married Maud Kelly and has one son, Edwin Hinkle; Leslie O., who wedded Estella Boston and resides in Nilwood township; and Julia M., who is at home.

Mr. Boston is an active worker in fraternal organizations and is venerable consul of McVey Camp, No. 3065, M. W. A., and is a member of Wagoner Council, No. 156, M. P. L., of which he served for several terms as president. He holds membership in the Christian church and is now filling the position of clerk. Politically he adheres to the democratic party and has served as assessor, highway commissioner and member of the school board. He is justly proud of his seven children and thirteen grandchildren. He has a wide acquaintance in Macoupin and adjoining counties and is held in high esteem on account of his admirable traits of character and genuine personal worth.

JOHN WILSON WILLIAMS.

Among the well improved and highly cultivated farms of North Otter township must be numbered that of John Wilson Williams. He was born in Morgan county, Illinois, on the 31st of July, 1836, and is a son of William and Delila (White) Williams, the father a native of Kentucky and the mother of Tennessee. They were married in the latter state and in the early years of their domestic life removed to Illinois; the father making the journey on foot while the mother rode an old mare and carried her baby in her arms. All of the hardships and privations usually visited upon early settlers of a country devolved upon them, but they were young and possessed the courage, perseverance and tenacity of purpose that characterizes the pioneer, never losing faith in the ultimate success of their venture. They located in Morgan county in 1835 and there the father acquired a small tract of land which he set about cultivating with his one mare. The following

year they came to Macoupin county, where they purchased forty acres of uncultivated and unimproved land. Upon this Mr. Williams erected a small log cabin, replacing same a few years later by a log house that is still standing. His constant application and unremitting energy were rewarded by a fair degree of success and he was able to add to his holdings from time to time until at the time of his death his homestead embraced one hundred and eighty acres of land, all in a good state of cultivation. He became known as one of the successful agriculturists of the township and in 1868 erected a two-story framehouse, at that period one of the finest farm houses in the county. It seems somewhat quaint and old fashioned now, forty years having brought many changes in architecture in America, but it is an interesting place, pleasant and comfortable, the living room containing a large fireplace that in winter adds cheer and brightness to the whole interior. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were the parents of fifteen children: Malinda, who is deceased; John W., our subject; Joseph, who is deceased; Christie Ann, also deceased; Elizabeth, who is living at home; Susanna, the wife of John Swift, of Macoupin county; Janetta, who is at home; Amanda, also at home; Charles H., who is a resident of Carlinville; William L., deceased; Samantha E., the wife of W. Z. Wilson of Carlinville; and Oliver C., who was born on the 19th of September, 1855, at Modesto, Illinois. The three eldest members of the family died in infancy. The father passed away on the 9th of July, 1885, but the mother survived until February, 1892.

John Wilson Williams was only an infant when his parents settled in Macoupin county, where he grew to manhood, obtaining his education in the district schools. In common with other lads of the pioneer period he was early compelled to assist with the work of the farm, to which his energies were entirely devoted from the time he laid aside his text-books until he was twenty-one. Desiring to set out for himself, he then rented forty acres of land from his father, the cultivation of which proving so lucrative that in 1859 he purchased eighty acres of him. He immediately settled upon this land and there he has ever since resided, having made all of the improvements upon the place during the period of his occupancy. Success having attended his efforts, he has added to his holdings at divers times until he now owns one hundred and thirty acres of land, which he devotes to general farming. Mr. Williams went to the front in 1862 as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Rinaker, being discharged at the close of hostilities in 1865. He participated in all of the battles in which his regiment engaged, and while at Trenton, Tennessee, was taken prisoner. After being held for thirteen days he was paroled and sent to Columbus, Kentucky, thence to Benton Barracks at St. Louis. He was unfortunate enough to contract a very severe case of rheumatism at this time from which he suffered for a long period thereafter.

On Christmas day, 1857, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Williams and Miss Martha Jane Wilson. Mrs. Williams, who was a daughter of John Wilson, passed away in 1905. To them were born five children: Christiana, the widow of Samuel Rafferty, of Macoupin county; Malinda, who is at home; Mary S., the wife of Thomas Evans, of Kansas; Elizabeth Belle, the wife of Jesse Berry, of Macoupin county; and John W., the youngest son, who is also a resident of this county.

Mr. Williams affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal church of which his wife was also a member, while his political allegiance he gives to the republican party. He keeps up the ties he formed during his three years of service on the southern battlefields by means of his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, to whose interests he has ever been faithful. In all of his relations of life, both public and private, Mr. Williams has ever shown the same spirit of loyalty that characterized him as a soldier.

WILLIAM WILLSHIRE BRISTOW.

During a period of thirty-six years William Willshire Bristow has been identified with various business activities of Girard. His birth occurred in Scottville, Macoupin county, on the 14th of March, 1848, his parents being William T. and Sarah (Sharp) Bristow, the father a native of Tennessee, and the mother of Kentucky, while he is a grandson of James P. Bristow of Virginia and Peter Sharp.

In 1855 William Willshire Bristow removed with his parents to Girard, in whose public schools he completed his education. He remained here, a member of the paternal household, for ten years, then went to Missouri where he followed agricultural pursuits until 1869. Returning to Macoupin county he obtained employment in the mill of Cain & Roach, where he worked for two years. In 1871 he went to St. Louis, obtaining a position with J. M. Johnson Company on the Merchants Exchange. After four years' residence in the city, he again returned to this county, engaging in the milling business in Nilwood. Two years later he began dealing in hay in connection with his mill products, and in 1878 he became associated with J. W. Woodroof, under the firm name of Woodroof & Bristow, in the grain business. This partnership continued for two years, when Mr. Bristow and William Ross bought Mr. Woodroof's interest, operating until 1881 under the name of Bristow & Ross, grain merchants. In the latter year Mr. Bristow purchased Mr. Ross' interest and became sole proprietor. He had the misfortune to be burned out later but rebuilt, continuing the business until 1893. Bristow & Switzer engaged in the grain and hay business in Atwater also, the former continuing this enterprise after the dissolution of partnership until 1899. Disposing of his interests here he went to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he bought grain for the Little Rock Mill & Elevator for a year. In 1900 he once more took up his residence in Girard, again engaging in the grain business. A year later he became a member of the Flood & Lowe Lumber Company, with which he continues to be identified. In addition to this he is senior member of the firm of Bristow & Huff, which company installed the telephone lines here. Mr. Bristow has been very successful in his business enterprises and besides his various interests here owns some farming land in Arkansas.

In St. Louis, Missouri, on the 12th of March, 1874, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Bristow and Miss Fanny R. Dunklin of that city, and a daughter of John P. and Harriet (Jones) Dunklin, both natives of Missouri. Mrs. Bristow belongs to one of the pioneer families of St. Louis county, and is a grand-

daughter of Stephen Dunklin and General Augustus Jones, also of Missouri. Her maternal grandfather served as a drummer boy in the war of 1812, and as a general in both the Mexican and Civil wars. Mr. and Mrs. Bristow have six children: William R., of Mattoon, Illinois, who married Miss Pearl Cassel and has three children; John L., a resident of Macoupin county, who married Miss Ella Gillman and has one child; Harriet, the wife of Guy S. Barlow, of Darlington, Wisconsin, who has two children; James W., of Springfield, who married Miss Georgia Metcalf; Thomas R. and Sarah D.

Fraternally Mr. Bristow is affiliated with the Masonic order, being a member of Girard Lodge, No. 171, A. F. & A. M., in which he has filled all of the chairs, and he also belongs to Elmwood Commandery, No. 6, K. T., of Springfield, Illinois, and Girard Lodge, No. 131, I. O. O. F., having been treasurer of the latter organization for sixteen years. In addition to these he is identified with the Mutual Protective League. In politics Mr. Bristow is a republican. He takes an active interest in all municipal affairs and has been called to serve both his city and township in various public capacities. For two years he was assessor, and he has also been trustee of the village, alderman from the third ward, city treasurer, school director and clerk of the school board. In his official capacities Mr. Bristow has always evidenced the same ability and trustworthiness that has ever characterized his business relations and won for him the respect and esteem of those with whom he has had dealings.

WILLIAM A. DRIVER.

The cultivation of a farm of one hundred and sixty-one acres located on section 20, North Otter township, engages the attention of William A. Driver, who is a native of Greene county, Illinois. His birth occurred in the vicinity of Carrollton on the 13th of May, 1838, his parents being Green and Margaret Grace (Hazelwood) Driver, both natives of Tennessee. Their family numbered six: Angeline, who is deceased; William A., our subject; Pleasant, who is living in Carrollton; Robert Perry, also of Carrollton; and Green, who is living in Greenfield. The second in order of birth dies in infancy.

William A. Driver remained with his parents until he had attained his majority, obtaining a very good common school education. His boyhood and youth were spent in a manner very similar to those of other lads reared on a farm, his attention early being engaged with the tilling of the fields and the care of the stock. Following his marriage he began his career as an agriculturist, coming to Macoupin county in 1864, where he bought forty acres of land. He improved and cultivated his property, later extending its boundaries until his present holdings aggregate one hundred and sixty-one acres. Here he devotes his energies to general farming and stock-raising to good financial ends. All of the improvements upon his place have been erected since he settled here; they are substantially constructed and well kept, the general appearance of his farm being most attractive.

On the 1st of April, 1863, Mr. Driver was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Delia Edwards, a daughter of William and Rachel (Walker) Edwards, who were

the parents of six children: Robert; Mary Jane; Delia; who became Mrs. Driver; William; Elizabeth; and Sylvester. To Mr. and Mrs. Driver were born four children: Alvin, who is at home; Alice, also at home; William, who is deceased; and Emma, who died in infancy. Mrs. Driver passed away on the 12th of June, 1884.

In matters of religion the views of the family coincide with those of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, with which church the mother also affiliated. Mr. Driver is a republican in politics, and has held the office of school director. Both he and his family are well regarded in the community where they reside and among whose citizens they number many friends.

WILLIAM H. McMAHAN

Among the citizens of South Otter township none is more deserving of confidence and respect than William H. McMahan. His life is a practical demonstration of the possibilities in Illinois awaiting ambitious young men who have the courage and persistence to apply themselves with the expectation as the years pass, of substantial returns. He was born in Greene county, Illinois, October 5, 1847, a son of Henry and Louisa (Ballard) McMahan, the former of whom was born in Illinois and the latter in Tennessee. He was also a grandson of Robert McMahan, one of the pioneers of this state. The McMahan family was killed by Indians in Madison county, this event being one of the tragic occurrences in the early history of Illinois.

William H. McMahan possessed advantages of preliminary training in the district schools of Greene county and when not busy with his studies, assisted in work upon the home farm. In 1863 he became a member of Captain Young's company of the state militia and in 1865, having arrived at the age of eighteen years, he enlisted in Company F, Sixty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, continuing with this regiment until the close of the war. After receiving his honorable discharge at Springfield, Illinois, he returned home and in 1866 began farming in Scott county. In 1871 he came to Macoupin county and engaged in farming in South Palmyra township, where he continued for ten years. He then moved to the place which he has since occupied, in South Otter township. He has through life been highly energetic and efficient in his business and, therefore, enjoys the rewards which are the result of wisely applied effort.

On October 23, 1866, Mr. McMahan was married in Scott county to Miss Addie Curtis, a native of the same county and a daughter of James F. and Nancy (Truesdale) Curtis, both of whom were born in Virginia. She is a granddaughter of Salathiel Curtis and John Truesdale, both of whom were also born in Virginia. Mr. Truesdale was an early settler of Illinois and assisted against the Indians at the time of the Black Hawk war. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McMahan, namely: Ira Otis, born March 7, 1868, was married October 9, 1895, to Grace E. Thornburg, and died January 18, 1906, at the age of thirty-seven years, leaving a wife and one son, Burton, who since his death have made their home in California with Mrs. McMahan's parents; Lena, who married W. L. Morgan, of

South Otter township, and has three children; Anna, who is the wife of H. M. Groves, of Edwardsville, and the mother of two children; Nannie, who married Samuel Hayes, of North Otter township, and has two children; Henry A., who lives in St. Louis; Harvey Curtis, of Carlinville; Herman, who married Nellie Lancaster and resides at Nilwood; and Maud, who is the wife of Chester Ohmart, of Girard, and has one child.

Upon reaching the age of maturity Mr. McMahan gave his support to the republican party and has never seen any reason to change his political affiliation. He has served as school director but never in any other public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business. His religious views are indicated by membership in the Christian church of which he is a deacon. He was an active member of the Grange and is now identified with Peach Tree Lodge, No. 633, M. W. A., and is an earnest supporter of the principles of this order. As a soldier of the Civil war he is connected with Luke Mayfield Post, No. 516, G. A. R., and is very acceptably filling the office of junior commander of that organization. He is among the youngest of the survivors of the Civil war and his children and descendants may ever regard with pride the part he took in defending a cause which is regarded by all the world as one of the noblest recorded in human history.

GEORGE W. HELMBOLD.

Among the descendants of German ancestry in Mount Olive who should be named in a work relating to the best citizens of Macoupin county is George W. Helmbold, for many years town clerk of Mount Olive and also successfully engaged in mining. He was born in Bunker Hill, October 19, 1864, a son of John and Dorothy (Bornkamp) Helmbold. The parents were both natives of Hanover, Germany, and emigrated to America after growing to maturity in their native land. The mother was twice married, her first husband being Diedrich Danklef, and there were several children born to this union. Mr. Helmbold was a laboring man at Bunker Hill. In 1879 he came to Mount Olive and assisted in sinking the shaft in No. 9 mine. He made his home in Mount Olive until his death, which occurred December 12, 1881.

George W. Helmbold was reared under the parental roof and in the common schools acquired the foundation of his education. Later he pursued a business course at Greer's Business College in St. Louis. Upon leaving college he returned to Mount Olive and began working in the butcher shop conducted by his stepbrothers John and Henry Danklef. After eight or ten years he transferred his allegiance to Richard Engelman, who was in the same line of business, and continued with him six years. He then entered the employ of John Lawson and was associated with him about six years, being connected with the butcher business for a total period of about twenty-one years. After leaving this line of work he engaged with Henry Danklef in railroad contracting but later resigned his position and has ever since been identified with mining in this region.

In 1885 Mr. Helmbold was married to Miss Marie Pfiffner, a native of Switzerland, who came to America with her mother in 1880, the father having

died in the old country. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Helmbold, six of whom survive, namely: Dorothy, who is the wife of William E. Schwing, of Mount Olive; Olga, the wife of Martin Bub, of Mount Olive; Frank, who makes his home in St. Louis, Missouri; and Anna, Amanda and Josephine, all of whom are at home.

In politics Mr. Helmbold is a supporter of the democratic party and is now serving as town clerk of Mount Olive, a position he has held for sixteen years past with the exception of two years, discharging his duties in a manner to meet the hearty approval of taxpayers. Fraternally he is identified with Acme Lodge, No. 707, I. O. O. F., and has filled the office of secretary of this organization continuously for sixteen years past. He is very favorably known in Mount Olive and throughout Macoupin county and socially is much esteemed. He is a prosperous business man, whose efforts have been directed along strictly legitimate channels and have met with deserved recognition.

W. W. DUGAN.

W. W. Dugan, whose record is one of successful endeavor, is a farmer and dairyman of Polk township. Through many obstacles he has won his way to the position of practical independence he now holds and as he has never sought to advance his own interest to the injury of others, no one grudges him his good fortune. He is a native of Greene county, Illinois, born in what is now known as Woodville township, July 29, 1863. His parents were George and Lida Anne (Hofford) Dugan. The father was also born in Greene county and devoted his attention to farming and also to the grocery business. He was a lover of his country and in 1863 enlisted in the Union army, being killed in battle. The grandfather of our subject on the paternal side was a native of Ireland and the grandmother was born in Ohio. The mother was born in Greene county, Illinois, but her parents were born in Kentucky. There were two children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Dugan: W. W. of this review; and Mattie, who is now deceased. Mrs. Dugan was a second time married, her husband being Noah Fry. He died in 1909 but she is still living and makes her home in Greene county. By her second marriage she became the mother of four children: Eunice, who resides in Greene county; Nora, who is married and also lives in Greene county; and Ida and Emma, both of whom are at home.

In the public schools W. W. Dugan received his preliminary education and until the age of seventeen years he continued with his mother. He then went to Jersey county and engaged in farm work, attending school during the winter months. In 1883 he began renting land in his own name. In 1892 he came to Macoupin county and cultivated rented land for thirteen or fourteen years in Brushy Mound township and for two years in Hilyard township. Having acquired sufficient capital, he purchased two hundred and sixty acres in Polk township, which he has improved and developed into one of the attractive properties of this section. He has made a specialty of dairy farming and, as he understands this business thoroughly and devotes his best energies to his calling, he has gained a creditable measure of success.

In 1884 Mr. Dugan was married to Miss Mary S. Carstens and they have nine children: Harry L. and Lloyd E., both of whom are living on the home farm; Ethel, who married Harlan Coburn, of Portsmouth, Ohio; George W., who married Edna Leggett and resides in Polk township; Charles, who makes his home in South Dakota; and Mabel, Manning, Kate and Ida, all of whom are at home.

Ever since he arrived at voting age Mr. Dugan has supported the republican party. He has been an earnest advocate of its principles and for six years served as a member of the county central committee, also filling the office of school director. He and his wife are active members of the Methodist church and fraternally he is identified with the lodge of Modern Woodmen of America at Carlinville. A man of great determination of character, he early gave evidence of an energy and persistence which have enabled him to become one of the leaders in the community. Starting to work at ten dollars a month, he saved twenty-seven dollars in three months. As the years passed his capital increased and today he ranks as one of the substantial and representative men of Macoupin county.

HENRY KRUSE.

A native of Prussia, Henry Kruse who resides in Mount Olive township crossed the Atlantic ocean in his infancy and has ever since enjoyed the advantages of the American republic, being one of its loyal and progressive supporters. He was born March 21, 1851, a son of Henry and Wilhelmina (Prange) Kruse. The father came to America in 1853 or 1854, making the journey in a sailing vessel which reached New Orleans after a voyage of about ten weeks. The family came up the Mississippi river to St. Louis and from that point to Macoupin county, Illinois. Like many other early settlers in this section Mr. Kruse possessed little money, but he was an industrious and ambitious man and after renting land for several years purchased a small farm in Mount Olive township. He prospered in his business and acquired more land, being apparently on the road which leads to complete financial independence. His career, however, was cut short by death as he was called away in 1864, when only thirty-eight years of age. The widow survived her husband many years and died in 1893, at the age of seventy-four.

Henry Kruse possessed advantages of home training and acquired his education in the public schools and the parochial school of Mount Vernon. He continued on the home place until twenty-five years of age and then located on a farm in Mount Olive township, which had previously been purchased by members of the family. This farm is two miles southeast of Mount Olive and comprises two hundred and forty acres, and is one of the valuable and well improved properties of the township. Under good management it produces a handsome annual revenue and its appearance reflects great credit upon its owner. Mr. Kruse is a man of high standing in this region and is now serving as a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Mount Olive.

In 1876 he was married to Miss Berdina Mindrup, a native of Madison county, Illinois, whose parents were born in Germany and were among the early settlers of Madison county. Mr. and Mrs. Kruse have five children: Henry R., who is employed in the postoffice at St. Louis; William E., assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Mount Olive; Sophia, the wife of John Heman, who is in charge of the home farm of Mr. Kruse; and Emma and Minnie, both of whom are at home.

Politically Mr. Kruse supports the republican party but has never aspired to public office although he has served with general acceptance as a member of the school board. He and his family are actively identified with the Evangelical Lutheran church. Having early concentrated his attention upon agriculture and stock-raising as an occupation, he made a favorable start and has steadily progressed, taking advantage of the best and most approved methods so that he is now well established and assured of a liberal annual income. It is men of this class that reflect credit upon their calling and gain recognition as the most substantial and trustworthy members of their respective communities.

SIMON AUGUST DINGERSON.

Simon August Dingsen, for many years identified with the agricultural interests of Staunton township, was born in Germany on the 16th of May, 1839, being a son of Philip and Sophia (Sawyer) Dingsen. The father operated a water and windmill in Germany, whence he emigrated with his wife and family to the United States in 1844. Upon their arrival in this country the family first located in St. Louis. Later they removed to the southern part of Missouri, where they lived for a time, but later returned to St. Louis. In 1849 they came to Macoupin county, locating on a rented farm east of Staunton, but they subsequently removed to Mount Olive, where the father operated a feed mill. He next located north of Staunton where he lived for five years, then settled in Staunton itself where he again engaged in milling. In 1860 he purchased forty acres of land on section 19, Staunton township, where he located with his family, continuing to reside there until his demise in 1864. The mother had passed away previously. To Mr. and Mrs. Dingsen were born the following children: Henry and Frederick, both of whom are deceased; August Simon, who was killed in the mill; Sophia, who is also deceased; Simon August, our subject; William, who is deceased; and Margaret, the wife of Charles Schnur, of Staunton.

Simon August Dingsen acquired his education in the common schools of this country. He remained at home with his parents during their lifetime, assisting his father with the cultivation of the farm and work of the mill. His homestead, containing one hundred and thirty-two acres of land on section 19, includes the forty acres that formerly belonged to his father. During the period of his ownership he has wrought many improvements upon this place, which is one of the attractive properties of the township.

In 1867 Mr. Dingerson established a home for himself by his marriage to Miss Amelia Crosier, who passed away in 1873. To them were born three children: One who died in infancy; Louise, the wife of Harmon Berkheart, who is living on his father-in-law's farm; and Gustana, who is a resident of Staunton. In 1876 Mr. Dingerson married Miss Johanna Miller, his present wife.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dingerson affiliate with the Presbyterian church, and his political support he gives to the democratic party, whose policy he deems best adapted to protect the interests of the majority.

B. J. SCHOEN.

B. J. Schoen, who is recognized as one of the substantial farmers of Macoupin county, owes his success to an indomitable will and a practical knowledge of agriculture and stock-raising which have carried him through many difficulties. He can claim good Teutonic ancestry in both branches of the family and was born in Madison county, Illinois, May 8, 1854. His parents were John B. and Anna (Arkebauer) Schoen, both of whom were born in Hanover, Germany. They came to America after growing to maturity and were both in the employ of Samuel Dorsey, of Madison county, when they first became acquainted. After their marriage Mr. Schoen rented land of Mr. Dorsey until the spring of 1855, when he came with his family to Macoupin county and bought one hundred and twenty acres in Mount Olive township. He greatly improved his place and here established his home, gaining recognition as one of the substantial men of the township. He died at the age of eighty-one years and his wife was called away at the age of eighty. They were worthy representatives of the noble men and women who cheerfully endured many hardships and inconveniences in order to give to their children advantages that are now the heritage of tens of thousands in Illinois.

At the age of ten months B. J. Schoen was brought by his parents to Macoupin county and during all the time that has since passed he has lived upon the home place. He received his education in the public schools and the Lutheran parochial school of Mount Olive and during the periods of vacation assisted his father upon the farm. As he approached manhood he assumed charge of the place and after his marriage his father gave him eighty acres which he cultivated to such excellent advantage that he was enabled to purchase more land and now owns one hundred and thirty-seven acres in his homestead, being also the owner of forty-six acres of valuable land adjoining Mount Olive on the west and a farm of one hundred and eighty-seven acres in Montgomery county, making his total land holdings amount to three hundred and seventy acres in one of the most productive regions of the state. He is also the owner of a handsome residence property in Mount Olive and each year witnesses an increase in his material prosperity.

On the 10th of August, 1879, Mr. Schoen was married to Miss Eleanore Husman, a native of Mount Olive township and a daughter of Henry Husman

who was born in Germany. The latter came to the new world after arriving at maturity and made his home for a time near Bunker Hill, Macoupin county. Later he settled on a farm near Mount Olive where he continued for many years. He died in Montgomery county about six months after his removal to that section. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schoen, four of whom survive, namely: Anna, who married Otto Eaglehoff, of Montgomery county; and Eleanore, Sophia and John, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Schoen is a patriotic and progressive citizen and no man in the township is more ready to lend his assistance in promoting the general welfare. Politically he adheres to the republican party. At the age of twenty-six he was elected highway commissioner and served several terms in that office, using a judgment in its administration which gave general satisfaction to taxpayers. He and his estimable wife are valued members of the Evangelical Lutheran church and can claim many friends in a community with which they have been prominently identified for nearly a third of a century.

HENRY G. FAUSLER.

Henry G. Fausler, who has for many years been interested in farming in Barr township and also served ably as cashier of the Bank of Hettick, is a native of this township. He was born on April 4, 1859, a son of E. and Amanda (Ring) Fausler, both of whom were natives of Sullivan county, Tennessee, the former having been born October 12, 1828. The original ancestors of the family in America came from Germany and his son, the grandfather of our subject, was killed by a horse, leaving a widow with several children, the eldest of whom was the father of our subject. As he grew toward manhood he assisted his mother in providing for the younger members of the family. He served in the Mexican war, receiving his honorable discharge before he was twenty years of age. In 1848 he came to Macoupin county, Illinois, and took up his residence upon land on which his son Henry G. now lives. In 1864 Mr. Fausler purchased land in this county, upon which he moved in 1873, having previously cultivated rented property. He was very successful as a farmer and stock-raiser and acquired five hundred acres of good land in Macoupin county. He was a large feeder of cattle and also devoted special attention to raising Poland China hogs. He died at the old homestead April 27, 1896, having arrived at the age of sixty-eight years. Politically, he adhered to the democratic party; religiously, he was a stanch supporter of the Methodist faith. He took an active interest in township affairs and served as highway commissioner. Socially he was identified with Scottville Lodge, No. 426, A. F. & A. M.

The fifth in order of birth in a family of ten children, Henry G. Fausler grew to maturity in the parental home. He received a good education in the public schools of Palmyra and for three years taught school in this county. His principal interest, however, has been centered upon agriculture and stock-raising and as a young man he concentrated his energy along those lines, becoming the owner of a farm of one hundred and forty-four acres, upon which he moved in 1895.

On October 1, 1907, he was elected cashier of the Bank of Hettick and took up his residence there, where he continued for three years in the discharge of his duties in connection with the bank. In 1910 he returned to his farm and is giving his attention to general farming, making a specialty of Polled Angus cattle and Poland China hogs. He feeds about a carload of cattle for the market each year and his business yields a handsome annual revenue.

On September 23, 1883, Mr. Fausler was married to Miss Hattie A. Bell, a daughter of Stephen and Mary (Dalby) Bell. On the paternal side the family has been traced to Virginia, where the name is well known. The Dalbys were among the old settlers of Macoupin county. Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Fausler five are now living: Edith, who was educated at the high school of Palmyra and is now living at home; and Lloyd, Harold, Lelia and Stephen, all of whom are at home.

In politics Mr. Fausler adheres to the democratic party. He has served as township assessor three terms and also for several terms as township clerk. He is a member of the Methodist church and also of the lodge of Modern Woodmen of America at Barr. For more than fifty years he has made his home in this section and during that time has witnessed many steps of the great change through which the wilderness has been conquered and the comforts and conveniences of modern life have been introduced. His attention has been mainly given to farming and in his business he has met with the success that is the deserved result of good judgment and earnest application.

CHARLES WALKINGTON.

Charles Walkington, who owns and operates an eighty acre tract on section I, North Otter township, was born in Macoupin county on the 1st of September, 1867, and is a son of the late William M. and Ellis (Leak) Walkington. The parents were both natives of England, whence they emigrated to the United States in 1851, and two years thereafter settled in Macoupin county. Here the father engaged in farming in which he met with excellent success having acquired at the time of his demise five hundred and thirty-six acres of well improved and cultivated land. To Mr. and Mrs. Walkington were born eleven children: Fannie, the wife of William Clack, of Edgar, Nebraska; David, who is a resident of Greene county; William, who is deceased; Newton H., a farmer of Macoupin county; Clara, the wife of Robert S. Olderson, of Virden; Edward, who is also a resident of this county; Charles, our subject; and Nathan, who is living in Virden. The second, third and fourth child in order of birth died in infancy. The mother passed away on the 22d of March, 1872, and Mr. Walkington was married again to Miss Clara Beason, and they became the parents of three children: Albert, who is living in Modesto; Elsworth, a resident of Macoupin county; and Nellie, the wife of John Hamner, of Macoupin county. The father is also deceased, having died on the 9th of February, 1911.

Charles Walkington continued to be a member of the paternal household until he was twenty-nine years of age. He attended the district schools in the

acquisition of his education, at the same time giving such assistance in the cultivation of the home farm. Leaving his studies he gave his undivided attention to agricultural pursuits, assisting first in working the home farm but later renting land from his father. After his marriage he rented his present homestead, to which he now holds the title, having inherited it upon the death of his father. Here he has been engaged in general farming and stock-raising for the past fifteen years, and has met with good success in both.

In 1898 Mr. Walkington established a home for himself by his marriage, on the 4th of September, to Miss Julia Coyle, a daughter of Peter L. and Amanda (Page) Coyle, residents of Bond county, Illinois. Fourteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Coyle: Sarah, the wife of Marion Runfelt, of Missouri; Mary and Henry, both of whom are deceased; Julia, now Mrs. Walkington; Lucy, who married A. C. Dewey, of Bond county; Jerry and John, both living in Bond county; Nancy, the wife of Rufus Cruthes, also of this county; Mike and Purley, living in Bond county; Dolly and Etta, who are at home; Simon, who is deceased; and Clarence, also at home. Mr. and Mrs. Walkington have become the parents of four children: Everett, who was born on the 2d of June, 1899; Estell, born on the 5th of January, 1903; Glenn, whose birth occurred on the 9th of September, 1906; and Wilberta, born on the 11th of July, 1908.

Both hold membership in the Presbyterian church in the faith of which denomination they are bringing up their children. Politically Mr. Walkington is a democrat.

A. E. FISCHER.

A. E. Fischer, a successful pharmacist of Mount Olive where he has been in business on his own account for six years past, was born in Elkhorn, Illinois, August 23, 1875, a son of August and Sophia (Lathrop) Fischer. The father was a native of Germany and came to America with his parents in his childhood. The mother was born at Elkhorn and was married there to Mr. Fischer. He engaged in the general mercantile business for a number of years and in the '80s removed to Nashville, Illinois, where he became prominently identified with the agricultural implement business. While thus employed he made the acquaintance of officers of the McCormick Reaper company who were impressed with his ability and offered him a position as a traveling salesman at a lucrative salary, which he accepted, disposing of the business he had conducted in his own name. He died in 1904 but Mrs. Fischer is still living and resides with a daughter at Columbia, Missouri. She is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church. Mr. Fischer gave his political support to the republican party and was an influential factor in its councils although he never sought public office. Fraternally he was identified with the Odd Fellows.

In the public schools of Nashville A. E. Fischer received his preliminary education. Having decided to devote his attention to pharmacy he began studying in a drug store at Nashville and in the spring of 1897 passed the examination of the state board of examiners and received a certificate as a pharmacist. He

secured employment in St. Louis and later at Pana, Illinois, where he continued until 1900. He then came to Mount Olive and was made manager for C. J. Keiser & Company, pharmacists. After holding this position four years he purchased the store which he has since operated with marked success.

On February 3, 1904, Mr. Fischer was married to Miss Julia Niemeyer, a daughter of William Niemeyer, a pioneer business man of Mount Olive. To this union one child, Marguerite L., has been born. Mr. Fischer is not identified with any religious denomination but his wife is a consistent member of the Evangelical Lutheran church. Like his father he adheres to the republican party and is actively interested in its success although in no sense an office seeker. Fraternally he is identified with Litchfield Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of the same city, being also a member of the Mount Olive Merchants Association. He early became aware of the fact that there is no royal road to wealth, and by his industry and persistence he has acquired a competence and also gained the good will of his fellow men.

JAMES HURT YOWELL.

James Hurt Yowell, now deceased, will be remembered as one of the successful farmers of Macoupin county—a man of unusual energy and decision of character who inherited from pioneer ancestry the courage and perseverance that enabled him to overcome many obstacles and establish himself as one of the honored citizens of the county. He was born in Morgan county, Illinois, November 7, 1829, being a son of John and Sophia (Butler) Yowell, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. His grandfather on the paternal side was James H. Yowell, of Virginia. The parents of our subject came to Illinois in 1830 and the father was one of the prominent men in the state in the early days. He served as lieutenant in the Black Hawk war and was afterward made captain of his company. The people had great confidence in his integrity and judgment and in 1864 he was elected associate justice of Macoupin county.

Mr. Yowell of this sketch attended the pioneer schools and as he grew to manhood assisted his father in various operations upon the home farm. Later he became a general farmer and spared no pains or labor in securing the best results from his work. He was remarkably thorough in everything he undertook and brought his farm to a high state of cultivation, transferring the raw prairie into rich and fertile fields. He displayed good judgment in the erection of buildings and the purchase of machinery and other accessories so necessary in facilitating farm work. The keynote of his prosperity was economy, industry and perseverance. He continued actively on his farm until 1900, when he retired and took up his residence at McVey.

In 1853 Mr. Yowell was married to Miss Edith Ann Husband, of Macoupin county, and they had four sons, John E., George S., James A. and Lincoln. The mother of these children died in 1866 and Mr. Yowell was married on May 16, 1867, in Shaws Point township, to Miss Mary C. Brown, who was born in Jersey county, Illinois. She is a daughter of Captain Joseph W. and Harriet (Dow-

ney) Brown, both of whom were born in Illinois, and a granddaughter of Charles Brown, of Kentucky, and James Downey, who was a native of Vermont. By his second marriage Mr. Yowell became the father of six children. Charles E., the eldest, is now living in Arkansas. He married Anna Smith, and they have two sons, Edgar and Coy. Edith May married Lorin Torrly and they live at Jacksonville, Illinois. In their family are three children, two sons and one daughter. Ada Maud is the wife of N. A. Johnson, of Macoupin county, and they have six children, four sons and two daughters. Joseph Hurt, the fourth member of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Yowell, married Kathryn Behme and their home is at Litchfield. They have three sons, Carl Brown, Calvin Ray and Joseph Harold. Mary C. is now living at home with her mother and Logan, the youngest of the children, lives at Girard.

Mr. Yowell died at McVey in 1903, having passed the Psalmist's span of three score and ten years of age. He gave his support politically to the republican party, of which he was an earnest advocate, and served several terms as highway commissioner and also as member of the school board. He was a man of progressive ideas and possessed the faculty in an eminent degree of making and retaining friends. Entirely straightforward and upright in his life, public and private, he merited the deep respect in which he was held and his name will ever be identified with the development of Macoupin county during the period covering the last half of the nineteenth century. His success in his chosen calling was in an important degree due to his persistent efforts and well directed energy and he was rightly regarded as one of the foremost representatives of agricultural interests in this section.

H. J. TROEGER.

The editor is one of the moving forces in modern life. The newspapers have in many respects taken the place of the pulpit and as the number of their readers is constantly increasing their influence is correspondingly growing. Especially is this true when the editor is a man of unquestioned integrity, a clear thinker and writer, and one who subordinates personal ambition to his desire to promote the general welfare of the community. H. J. Troeger, editor of the Mount Olive Herald, may be designated as a man of this character. He was born at Mount Olive October 12, 1876, and has spent practically his entire life in Macoupin county. A descendant of good Teutonic ancestry, he is a son of Edward and Wilhelmina (Zimmerman) Troeger. The parents were both born in Germany and are now living in Mount Olive.

Mr. Troeger of this sketch grew to manhood under the paternal roof and received his preliminary education in the public schools of Mount Olive. He has been an extensive reader and, being a man of fine powers of observation has added largely to the fund of knowledge which he acquired in the schoolroom. Being attracted to the editorial field, he purchased the Mount Olive Herald in January, 1900, and for more than eleven years has occupied the responsible position of editor and proprietor of the paper. The Herald is issued weekly and under competent management has become one of the valuable publications of the county, faith-

fully reflecting public sentiment on all questions pertaining to the interests of this section. The paper is independent politically. The aim of Mr. Troeger has been from the start to treat all questions without prejudice and to promote to the extent of his ability the permanent welfare of the region throughout which the circulation of the Herald extends. That he has admirably succeeded is the verdict of his patrons. He also maintains a first class printing plant and the work turned out from this office compares favorably with that of similar establishments in any other part of the county. Mr. Troeger is to be congratulated on the excellent service he has rendered the county in making its resources known and also in keeping the people informed as to the progress of events in this part of the state. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order whose beneficent principles have had a marked effect in shaping his life. He is recognized by those who know him best as one who is controlled by a worthy ambition to make an honorable name for himself and at the same time advance the prosperity and happiness of his fellow men.

SUMMIT WILLIAM BARNES.

Among the farmers of Macoupin county there are few who occupy a higher position in the estimation of the community than the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this review. He has been engaged in farming and stock-raising ever since his boyhood and is also very prominent in political, religious and fraternal affairs, being one of the most active and efficient workers in the county along those lines. A native of Carlinville township, he was born on a farm north of Carlinville, March 31, 1863, a son of Andrew J. and Mary Barnes, the former of whom was born in Ohio. The grandfather of our subject was Elias Barnes, a native of Pennsylvania. Andrew J. Barnes came to Macoupin county, from the Keystone state early in the '60s and engaged in farming in Carlinville township until 1868. He then moved to South Otter township, where he continued until his death in 1877, his wife having been called away about twelve years previously.

Summit W. Barnes attended the public schools until fourteen years of age, when his father died and the family was broken up. He then took up his residence with an uncle in Montgomery county and carried his studies further in the public schools of that section. In 1879 he returned to South Otter township and secured employment as a farm hand under William Huson at nine dollars per month. He worked for wages until 1884, when he began farming for himself in South Otter and later in Nilwood township. In 1888 he moved to Wichita, Kansas, but after one year's experience in the Sunflower state came to the conclusion that conditions were more favorable east of the Mississippi river. Accordingly, he returned to Macoupin county and again worked for wages until 1897, when he resumed farming upon a small place in Nilwood township. In 1900 he enlarged his operations and since 1904 has been cultivating the D. C. Enslow farm, which comprises three hundred and forty acres. He raises the cereals upon an extensive scale and is also a large cattle feeder and shipper. He takes great interest in the development of the agricultural and live stock re-

sources of the state and is a stockholder of the Macoupin County Fair Association.

On the 13th of February, 1884, Mr. Barnes was married to Miss Clara S. Davidson, of South Otter township, a daughter of David and Carolina (Graves) Davidson, the former of whom was born in Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have no children of their own but have an adopted daughter, Hattie, to whom all desirable advantages of education and training have been extended.

In politics Mr. Barnes adheres to the democratic party. He has served for seven years as central committeeman of Nilwood township, two years as assessor and three years as highway commissioner and school director. Religiously he is identified with the Southern Methodist church and is deeply interested in church work, being a local preacher of this denomination. He also serves as trustee and steward of the church and for fifteen years has been superintendent of the Sunday school. For five years past he has represented the denomination at both district and annual conferences, proving one of the most efficient workers of that body. He is also actively connected with fraternal organizations and is a member of Girard Lodge, No. 171, A. F. & A. M., of which he is junior warden; Chapter No. 132, R. A. M.; and the council at Sullivan. He also belongs to McVey Camp, No. 3065, M. W. A., having served as manager for nine years. He has the reputation of being a good shot and holds membership in the Nilwood Gun Club. Notwithstanding the responsibility involved by the management of a large farm, Mr. Barnes finds time to discharge his various other duties and performs his work so acceptably that his services are in constant demand. His life has in an important degree been devoted to the promotion of the comfort and happiness of others and he seeks no reward except the consciousness of following in the footsteps of the great teacher who said: "He that loseth his life shall find it."

ANTON GRUA.

Anton Grua is now serving his second term as mayor of White City, and although he has been a resident only since 1906, he has nevertheless in that short period become a leader in the public life of the community. He was born in Italy, on the 26th of December, 1876, a son of Dominick and Margaret (Rudolph) Grua, also natives of that country. The father, a farmer by occupation, is still living but the mother passed away in 1901 or 1902. Under the parental roof Anton Grua spent the period of his boyhood and youth, acquiring an education in the common schools, and remaining at home until nineteen years of age. The opportunities offered by the new world then attracted him and, bidding adieu to home and native country, he sailed for America in 1895. For a time he was located at Latrobe, Pennsylvania, where he worked in the coal mines and then, in 1900, came to Macoupin county, where he followed mining at Staunton for about six years. The year 1906 witnessed his arrival in White City, at which time he established himself in business and has since been actively engaged therein. He has been very successful in his undertaking.

In 1906 Mr. Grua was married to Miss Madaline Grua, also a native of Italy, and unto this union were born two children, Anton and Margaret. Since arriving in White City Mr. Grua has become a leader in democratic circles, and the influence which he acquired among his fellow citizens is indicated by the fact that he was elected to the highest office in the power of the community to bestow, and is now serving his second term as mayor of the city. He is giving to the community a business-like administration, his reelection to the office being proof of the ability which he manifested during his first term to successfully conduct the affairs of the community as its chief executive.

WILLIAM T. BIVIN.

A lifelong residence in Macoupin county has given William T. Bivin opportunity of becoming thoroughly acquainted with the resources of this section of the state and also of acquiring the valuable farm which he owns in North Otter township. He was born at Macoupin, in October, 1840, and is a son of Thomas and Martha (Collins) Bivin. The parents were both natives of Kentucky and, like many people south of the Ohio river in the early days of the settlement of Illinois, believed that this state possessed superior advantages. Accordingly they came to Morgan county but early in the '30s settled in Macoupin county, where Mr. Bivin applied himself successfully as a farmer and became the owner of eighty acres of land. He died in August, 1865, the mother passing away about twelve years later. They were the parents of nine children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: Jane, who is now deceased; John, of Neosha county, Kansas; James, who is also deceased; Benjamin F., who lives at Palmyra, Illinois; William T., of this review; Alice, who is the widow of Henry Flinch, of Macoupin county; Sarah, the wife of William Marshall, of Amsterdam, Missouri; and Thomas, who is deceased.

William T. Bivin possessed advantages of education in the common schools and continued at home until after arriving at his majority. In 1864 he responded to the call of his country for volunteers to put down the rebellion and enlisted at Jacksonville, Illinois, in the Thirty-second Illinois Infantry. He served most creditably until after the close of the war and was honorably mustered out at Leavenworth, Kansas, in September, 1865. He went to Missouri in 1869 and engaged in farming there but in the fall of 1871 returned to Macoupin county and bought thirty acres on section 28 of North Otter township. He applied himself diligently and as he acquired the necessary capital purchased more land until he became the owner of one hundred and thirty acres, which he has greatly improved, making his place one of the most desirable of its size in the township. He is a general farmer and stock-raiser and, as he uses good judgment in his business, his farm yields a generous annual income.

In February, 1862, Mr. Bivin was married to Miss Nancy Hays, and there were eight children born to this union, two of whom died in infancy. The others are: Adie Belle, the widow of Pierce Jones, of Morgan county; William H., of Macoupin county; Herman Eli, of Barnett, Illinois; Mary Ann, who is the wife

of Allan Price, of Macoupin; Nellie Myrtle, who married Jordan Peacock, of Carlinville; and Shebert, who is deceased. The mother of these children died in 1898 and Mr. Bivin was married, May 7, 1903, to Mrs. Annie (Yowell) Nevins, the widow of Patterson Nevins. She died in 1907 and Mr. Bivin was again married, the lady of his choice being Mrs. Martha (Paul) Park, the widow of Hugh Park and a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Hughs) Paul. The parents were both born in Ohio and in their family were ten children, namely: Julia and Mary, both of whom are deceased; Martha, now Mrs. William T. Bivin; Nancy and Eva, both of whom have passed away; Hugh, who lives at Terre Haute, Indiana; John, of Bells Lake, Illinois; Laura, who is the wife of Lee Heuther, of Carlinville; Emma, who is deceased; and William, who lives in Colorado.

Mr. Bivin gives his allegiance to the republican party, which he has supported ever since he reached manhood, and is interested in all matters of progressive citizenship whether local or national. Religiously he is identified with the Methodist church. A man of industry and good discrimination, he has met with merited success in his life work and is known as one of the substantial citizens of the county. Genial and social by nature, he easily wins friends and has the happy faculty of retaining their warm regard.

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Wheeler, J. W.	36	Yowell, J. H.	716
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